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DAVID BOWIE - Under Review 1976 - 79: The Berlin Years DVD (Music Video Distributors) I'm not the biggest Bowie fan, but I do like his music. Especially the Berlin years, which consists of the LPs Low, Heroes and (my favorite) Lodger. Presented in a VH1-style documentary on his work, with interviews from journalists, broadcasters and music makers who worked with or followed Bowie. No current interview with the man himself, though one from that period is used, which works, as it documents the time, while also using never-before-seen concert footage from that era. While letting me in on a ton of info I didn't know (such as Bowie was supposed to work with members of Can and Neu!, but his label monkey-wrenched it), they skipped some info too (luckily most of it trivial - such as Joy Division's first incarnation Warsaw, took their name from Low's track "Warsawa"). The DVD extras include a brief feature Bowie After Berlin, which covers his pop career, extended interviews, and an interactive Bowie quiz. This series is turning out to be much better than I thought it would, so I'm looking forward to see who they 'review' next. (Dec 15, 2006)