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"All My Loving"
(Voice Print)
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I'll be honest with you...if "All My Loving" has a point or a message...I don't get it. I've watched this film twice and I don't have any set thought on what it was all about. Well, I mean, I know what it was about...it was about rock 'n' roll. What did it have to say about the music? That's where I draw a blank. However, this movie does leave quite an impression. The one thing I got from this film...which is something everybody should already know...is that the featured artists, which include The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Pink Floyd, Cream, Donovan, Frank Zappa and Eric Burdon, have earned their legendary status for a reason...and that's because of the music they made and, more importantly, the way they performed that music...with a passion. You watch old footage like this and compare it with stuff you see today and it's like lookin' at two different worlds, man. The funny thing is, most of the legends didn't have a lot of, shall we say, distractions while they were on stage. It was simply the band and the music they made...and you watch stuff like this...and it freakin' moves you. I'm not a fan of every artist that was featured in this film. But, I didn't get bored with it because, watching them, there was something magical about their performance. Even Frank Zappa who, unfortunately, wasn't represented with a live performance...watching the man talk...you can't help but watch in wonder and amazement.

"All My Loving" was made in a time when music actually meant something and, for that reason, I think this film stands the test of time. Like one review said, which was used on the back of the DVD, "...ten years from now, it will be the definitive document of its time." Here we are, almost 30 years later, and the film is still getting rave reviews. I think that says a lot...don't you? Like I said...I didn't quite get the message. But, it certainly left an impression on me and, if you decide to check it out, I'm sure it will do the same for you.

Long live rock 'n' roll.

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