

THE BEAT

ALL MY LOVING (DVD – MVD Visual)

Here in my Haight-Asbury hometown we are inundated with “summer of love” 40-yr nostalgia/marketing, and this BBC document, made in 1968 after a suggestion by John Lennon, given that time might be expected to be all peace and love but no, it's dark, political, probing, even with Cream/Hendrix/McCartney/Who etc in full flight, plus Zappa and Pink Floyd and others, along with some shocking/gratuitous Vietnam War footage including a real live murder, rendering the overall image ambivalent. It's a piece of genius filmmaking, really, and Tony Palmer, director, deserved some sort of Oscar, or whatever such award they give in the UK.

- Steve Heilig