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MAN ALIVE! - Heart, Hands And Mind {*Universal Warning*} MAN ALIVE! is a band from Denver, CO that plays a ragged, riotous and vocally petulant example of Punk noxiousness. The influence of CRIMPSHRINE, early JAWBREAKER and CRINGER is unavoidable while the vocals share the same raspy, growled gymnastics of Stza outta LEFTOVER CRACK. It's actually those vocals that let the band down; they come over as one-dimensional rasps, often formless (even with a lyric sheet) and generally monotonous. It's a shame too as the lyrics convey something, be it obvious highlights like 'War Fell Before Me', 'Dying Priest' and the excellent observation of the Punk scene that is 'Anthem'. There's some interesting, tense FUGAZI-ish musicianship (check out the intro to 'Like Ozone') and given time and the right mind frame (which would be embittered) this could well hit the spot. As it is, with repeated plays, I still haven't quite found the spot. (04.07.09)