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Album Review

Your Imaginary Friend

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Familiar name, admit I know little about him but he sounds like an old school member of the Velvet Underground/Big Star blues tinged simple rootsy singer songwriter rock. Johnny Thunders, Keith Richards, anything drenched in spilled whiskey and beer. Don't get me wrong, this is a bit tamer than your average rootsy garage nihilist band you'll experience at Thee Parkside on an average Saturday night. More along the lines of a Tom Petty or George Thorogood in that respect. "Bar Band" is appropriate. But its great nonetheless.

- 1) rootsy upbeat Americana, minor keyed, good
- 2) upbeat, with drug references that don't really mix with the music (the music could be a happy love song)
- 3) Ahh crap, a GREAT SONG BUT FCC (slower and a bit more heroin feeling here, beautiful, edit out the easy "why did you fuck him?" right at 2:12 remaining)
- 4) kinda smacking of Tom Petty at this point... next track please
- 5) basic rootsy upbeat rock
- 6) slide blues guitar and smarmy, fun about crazy girls, story of my life
- 7) upbeat bouncy, drunk girls dancing
- 8) basic blues rock with slight country backbeat
- 9) a fun "louie louie" beat and happy feel to this 10) slidey blues guitar intro, then a sorta generic feel beat
- 11) slide guitar goes right into a George Thoroughgood 12 bar rocker
- 12) basic bar rocker
- 13) ballady, about heart break, cant imagine this going over well in a drunken bar, but it speaks to those of us recently dumped, divorced
- 14) "if this is can I get my money back, can I see the man in charge?", with a theme like that the song cant go wrong, great song about breaking up, play it!!
- 15) rocking with lots of slide guitar leads, getting a bit southern fried and swampy
- 16) live recording: lower fi, captures the bar band feel, 12 bar rockin
- 17) kicks into gear with a "train" beat then just rocks out continuing the train/Mark Twain reference
- 18) simple live blues bar band
- 19) happier feel rootsy, open chorded guitar, with the happy D chord/pinky trick

Track Listing

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| 1. All Love All Gone | 10. On The River In '59 |
| 2. Get Off Your Porch | 11. Death Letter |
| 3. Liked It A Lot | 12. Heads Up-Heels Down |
| 4. In The Wilderness | 13. But I Didn't |
| 5. Cowboy No. 77 | 14. If Ths Is Love, Can I Get My Money Back? |
| 6. Penny Instead | 15. Slow Death |
| 7. A. On Horseback | 16. American Travelust |
| 8. Overtown | 17. Phantom Train |
| 9. Marlboro Country | 18. Watch Out |
| | 19. Shake Some Action |