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PSYCHEDELIC FURS

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Given Richard Butler's unmistakable voice, the Psychedelic Furs have remained punk's longest hold overs since the late seventies. "Talk, Talk" was probably the

most popular of the Furs' albums, which included singles such as "President Gas," "Love My Way," and the recently popularized "Pretty in Pink," all of which were set to the Furs' distinguished rock-punk sound, combining metallic guitar riffs, a wailing sax, and the gruff sounding lyrics of

Richard Butler. Richard Butler is probably the most significant element in the band's success. His voice is far from clear—sort of a throaty remainder of a past laryngitis, yet it sounds sooo good. One can imagine punkers from days-gone-by still getting goose bumps while

listening to the first chorus of "Love My Way."

And that's what makes "Midnight to Midnight" work so well. The album consists of mostly vocal, guitar, and sax ensembles, provided by Richard and Tim Butler, John Ashton and Mars Williams respectively.

The result is an exciting group of pseudo-punk hits. "Heartbreak Beat" is probably the most driving of the songs on the album. Frequently airplayed, "Heart Beat" differs little from past Psychedelic Furs hits and is as equally potent.

As its name implies, "Shock" is a cut with electrifying appeal. The sax of Mars Williams taints this song with a bright-lights big city sound. Once "Heartbreak Beat" has been played to its death, I'm sure "Shock" will take it place on the airwaves.

Two other songs on the album are also worthy of notice. "All the Law" and "Torture" keep in line with the Furs' heavy guitar sound.

On the other hand, "Shadow in my Heart" and "Angel don't Cry" seem to creep slowly through an album reserved for mostly up beat hits, such as "No Release," the

crescendo of "Midnight to Midnight."

Although the album contains a

couple of bad eggs, "Midnight to Midnight" is a fun recurrence of older Psychedelic Furs hits.

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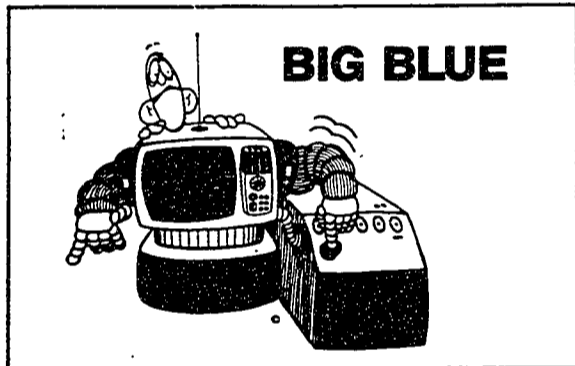
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