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Fontana/Polygram 842 293-2

Total disc time: 49:12 (AAD)

Merit: \*\*\*1/2

Sound: \*\*\*\*

The question here seems to be "Can a band be blatantly derivative and still be truly enjoyable?" The answer is yes. To be fair, this second album, though hardly original-sounding, is a vast improvement over their debut. They've been compared to Echo & the Bunnymen (not this time out, but the last album in spades), Robyn Hitchcock (ditto), and the Church, just to name a few. Actually to me they sound like the Lucy Show, who've copied many bands themselves, especially the Church. But let's not be snobs -- a good song is a good song, and this disc's chock full of ear-pleasing psych-pop. Just call it the House of Love's trickle down theory of rock influences.

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