

THE HOUSE OF LOVE: Shine On (Fontana)

As someone who knows a lot about being moulded to plastic furniture in the garden of the House Of Love, I can but only recommend this mighty slice of guitar sex. Lie down, let it lick you back to sanity. Of course it is so dodgy when a label forces an investment to start re-releasing old material to jump start their career (it'll be a catchy cover version next) but rather than sealing the coffin lid, 'Shine On' is a reminder of just how good old Chadders is at writing a riff. Especially the middle break when the guitars hang around and twinkle like . . . (fit your own appropriately romantic or poetic metaphor).

Of course, it's about time the band kicked out the jams and set about redefining chart guitar pop as we know it, but if the next one's as good as this we'll say no more about last year's lacklustre live form or the way Guy always makes such a pig of himself at parties.