

GOOD TO see HOUSE OF LOVE in the charts at last. An old friend of this column, singer Guy Chadwick tells me the band nearly split up.

"After 18 months together with nothing happening, we wondered whether it was worthwhile," Guy told me. "We're quite intense as a group, so we criticised a lot, but in the end we believed in ourselves and decided to stay together."

I'd say it's a good decision. Their single *Shine On* will leap towards the Top 10 in today's new chart.