

Burton Cummings's production after 1980's *Woman Love*, the album rejected by the bigwigs that caused the artist to suffer a nervous attack and break out in boils and hives, has been patchy at best. 1981's *Sweet Sweet* was spotty, often sickly; 1984's *Heart* had promise, but ultimately fell to its being so thin and derivative; 1990's *Plus Signs* was a noble attempt at "going one's own way" with its philosophical musings and deep thoughts (unfortunately, it didn't make any kind of splash).

With the exception of a live album in 1996 (man and his keyboard) and a Bob Dylan cover single a few years back, Burton Cummings has been a non-issue in the popular music scene. Such a reality makes *The Lost Eighties* a very appealing and fascinating item to have. While there are stronger unreleased compilations circulating out there (*Algebra Of Song*, *The Muse Will Choose*, *Blue Moon Sessions*, etc etc), *The Lost Eighties*, while hardly a first-generation tape, features Burton doing some rather quirky and fascinating stuff.

Among the highlights of this compilation: 01 *Annoying Songs*, which has Burton poking fun at such also-rans as Buffy Sainte-Marie and J. Geils Band; 04 *Fame Junkie*, a cut which could easily have made the singles charts; 05 *For Some Time Now*, which has Burton as a man with delusions and mental problems; 06 *Goodnight Everybody*, which has Burton speaking to our addictions, saying goodbye to some things, hello to others; 11 and 12 medleys, which is Burton doing what he loves most, that is, singing the songs of his old heroes; 13 *Thank You Barry*, a song Burton record for somebody named Barry Kestin (old friend).

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all tracks recorded during June, 1986, at Cummings's home studio in Sherman Oaks, California

Lineage unknown. Sound quality varying from B++ to A. All in all, a clear and strong listen.

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- 01 Annoying Songs
- 02 Drums
- 03 Face Value
- 04 Fame Junkie
- 05 For Some Time Now
- 06 Goodnight Everybody
- 07 Heard It On The News
- 08 Hey Woody
- 09 Just Another Crazy Kid
- 10 Last French Cigarette
- 11 Medley Pt.1
- 12 Medley Pt.2
- 13 Thank You Barry
- 14 These Are Electric Times
- 15 Up To The Minute
- 16 Whatever Happened To Richard?



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