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01. Little Demon: Hawkins, Nahan 2:26
02. I Put a Spell on You: Hawkins 2:27
03. Baptize Me in Wine: Hawkins 2:35
04. Not Anymore: Hawkins 3:03
05. I Hear Voices: Hawkins 2:55
06. Just Don't Care: Hawkins 2:26
07. Ashes: Phillips 2:31
08. There's Something Wrong With You: Hawkins, Nahan 2:28
09. Strange: Hawkins 2:07
10. The Whammy: Hawkins 2:34
11. All Night: Hawkins 2:09
12. Poor Folks: Hawkins 3:03
13. Your Kind of Love: Hawkins 2:21
14. Mountain Jive: Hawkins 2:16
15. Voodoo: Bellack, Levine 2:43
16. You Put the Spell on Me: Hawkins 4:00
17. Portrait of a Man: Carr, Hawkins 4:16
18. Ol' Man River: Hammerstein, Kern 6:11
19. Heart Attack and Vine: Waits 4:25
20. I Don't Know: Mabon 3:11
21. Don't Deceive Me: Willis 3:44
22. Whistling Past the Graveyard: Waits 3
23. Armpit No: Hawkins 3:43
24. I Put a Spell on You: Hawkins 3:07
25. Scream the Blues: Duffey, Jung 3:30

Portrait of a Man is a collection of rarities and obscurities from a man whose very career was filled with arcania. Of course, it contains the original version of "I Put a Spell on You," but what

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Screamin' Jay Hawkins collection doesn't? The main point of the disc is rarities that aren't anywhere else, whether it's a remake of "I Put a Spell on You" or his freak English hit "Heart Attack and Vine." There are more interesting things here than the average Screamin' album, which is both good ("Mountain Jive") and bad ("Armpit No. 6"). Either way, it's one of the handful of Hawkins compilations that aren't strict hits collections but are worth hearing.

---Stephen Thomas Erlewine, Rovi

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