

The Hoax - Humdinger (1998)

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1 *High Expectations* 2 *Feeding Time* 3 *Last Man Down* 4 *Superstition* 5 *Something Out Of Nothing* 6 *Groove Breaker* 7 *I Want To Be Loved* 8 *Long Way Home* 9 *Bones* 10 *Don't Shake My Hand* Jesse Davey - guitar Jon Amor – guitar Hugh Coltman - vocals and harmonica Robin Davey - bass guitar Mark Barrett – drums

There are several excellent songs on this CD, and it's hard to choose my favorites. Certainly "Feeding Time", covers of Stevie Wonder's "Superstitious" and Willie Dixon's "I Want To Be Loved", "Groove Breaker" & "Bones" are among the top songs. In all, there are just a couple songs I found to be mediocre. This CD is a very strong 4.5 for me, and I may eventually settle on a 5.0. There's a whole lot of good, solid music. An excellent variety of songs featuring great vocals and guitar throughout. "Humdinger" is one of those CDs that I think should have appeal to a wide cross-section of blues fans. From a technical standpoint, the CD was excellently produced. The sound quality is excellent... the mix of vocals/instruments is right on.

Unfortunately, The Hoax are splitting up after eight years of trying to make a go of it. According to info at one of the Hoax websites, they just could not make a comfortable living with the band. This is a real shame. The level to which the bar was raised between "Sound Like This" and "Humdinger" is astounding. This band was still peaking. It's hard to believe they have not realizing commercial success with "Humdinger". Due to the break-up, the future availability of "Humdinger" is questionable. --- electricblues.com

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