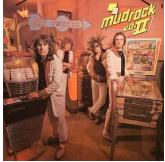


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1 *The Secrets That You Keep* 2 *Living Doll* 3 *One Night* 4 *Tallahassee Lassie* 5 *Let's Have A Party* 6 *Tobacco Road* 7 *Oh Boy* 8 *I Love How You Love Me* 9 *Hula Love* 10 *Diana*
Rob Davis - Guitar Les Gray - Vocals Dave Mount - Drums Ray Stiles - Bass + Ellie - Backing Vocals (tracks: B2, B4) Gonzalez - Brass (tracks: A3, B1) Harvey Hinsley - Pedal Steel Guitar (tracks: B4) Pete Wingfield - Piano (tracks: A4, A5) Phil Dennys - Strings

No surprises here! Mud Rock, Vol. 2 was cut precisely in the same mould as its predecessor, a "live in the studio"-style party knees up, with the band powering through a string of favorite oldies, catchy classics, and of course, a hit 45 or two, and probably not breaking a sweat throughout. A primo singles band, Mud really weren't stretched on LP until a change of labels in 1976 finally allowed them to start making records that spoke for their own musical tastes and abilities; by comparison, Mud Rock, Vol. 2, despite some red hot fun performances, is simply the sound of a band on cruise control. There are some magnificent moments here, however. All summer sun and swaying palm trees, the Hawaiian guitar-powered "Hula Love" is irresistibly corny, while "Let's Have a Party" and "One Night" are balls-out rockers that prove just how far ahead of the revivalist pack Mud could have been, had their producers only permitted them to take that step. An oddly lugubrious "Living Doll" is more a showcase for its producers than its players, but the hits "Oh Boy" and "The Secrets That You Keep" bring Mud back into brilliant focus, and no matter how functional this album is, there's no doubting its entertainment value. ---Dave Thompson, AllMusic Review

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