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A1 Here Comes The Night 2:45 A2 Mystic Eyes 2:41 A3 Don't Look Back 3:23 A4 Little Girl 2:21 A5 One Two Brown Eyes 2:39 A6 Gloria 2:38 B1 One More Time 2:47 B2 If You And I Could Be As Two 2:35 B3 I Like It Like That 3:35 B4 I'm Gonna Dress In Black 3:34 B5 Route 66 2:22 B6 Go On Home Baby 2:39 Alan Henderson - bass guitar John McAuley - drums, piano, harmonica Billy Harrison - lead guitar Van Morrison - lead vocals, tenor saxophone, writer Pete Bardens - organ

"Angry Young Them" is the debut a British Invasion band even more steeped in rhythm & blues than contemporaries like the Rolling Stones and the Animals. Though Van Morrison sings in a style very much akin to Jagger and Burden here (there is little evidence of the soulful versatility of his later solo work), there is the sense that he is a little more wild than they were, at least musically. One needs no better example than the opener, "Mystic Eyes," which has Morrison sounding absolutely unhinged with passion. The band is complimented by horns, again lending their music a more authentic r&b feel than many of the other great bands from across the proverbial pond.

And, of course, what review of this album would be complete without a mention of the all-time classic "Gloria," a rock & roll masterpiece of sex and danger the likes of which had never been heard before?

As is the case with much of Van Morrison's work, solo or otherwise, the album is at times a challenging listen, not always meant for pop consumption. That can be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on who is listening. ---Kenneth Bridgham, allmusic.com

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