NOFX - Cokie The Clown (EP) [2009]

01. Cokie The Clown (2:26)
02. Straight Outta Massachusetts (1:16)
03. Fermented And Flailing (2:40)
04. Codependence Day (1:28)
05. My Orphan Year (Acoustic) (2:58)
Mixed By – Jamie McMann (tracks: 4, 5), Jason Livermore (tracks: 1 to 3) Producer – Bill Stevenson, Jason Livermore Backing Vocals – Spike Slawson

After releasing their eleventh studio full-length earlier this year (April 2009), NOFX have not kept the fans waiting with the release of the “Coke the Clown” Ep.The Ep consists of 5 tracks which were written during the “Coaster” sessions but were left out to be released as a sort of intermediate between Coaster and the upcoming full-length.

The albums kicks off with the song “Cokie the Clown” (Shown on the cover, which is actually front man Fat Mike in a coked up clown costume), an fast, typical NOFX anti-sobriety song. Track 2 is “Straight Outta Massachusetts”, which is most probably a song about Fat Mike’s childhood. The next 2 tracks “Fermented and Failing” and “Co-dependence Day” are also typical NOFX songs in terms of structure and lyrics (alcoholism and what-not).

The real shocker of the album is the final track “My Orphan Year”. As if the song wasn’t depressing enough when it was originally released on Coaster, they went ahead and did an acoustic version of it. The song is about Fat Mike’s parents dying back in 2006, and is probably the only NOFX song with a serious mood … although a closer look at the lyrics shows some definite signs of sarcasm… This is NOFX after all! ---Elie Rassi, lebmetal.com

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