

## Sonic Youth "Side Two"

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00:00 - 00:40

The first 40 seconds are dedicated to some vehicle chatter.

Here's a rough transcription:

Woman: On the right!

Kim: Go get hamburgers.

Thurston: Right?

Man: Yeah, let's go.

Man 2: Did I hear Kim say hamburgers?

Lee: Put the defrost on...

Thurston 2: Cruisin' for some McReagan burgers...

Man 2: Forget it man, I'm not going to McDonald's, that stuff's

fucking gross!

Lee: It is.

Lee: Bob, you got fog, you got heavy fog..  
on the outside, you want me to brush it off here?

Bob?: Left? Ronald Reagan fries...

?: Hey Jon, I'll give you all the lira in my pocket if  
you eat a hamburger.

00:41 - 01:15

Aimless noise panned from speaker to speaker

01:16 - 01:32

A very brief excerpt from what appears to be Shaking Hell.

01:33 - 01:51

An equally brief excerpt from Brother James.

01:52 - 09:00

Early American/Scream Tape

Nothing but a savage blur

In your face, in your land

The weight of you is greater than

Forgot my pride

Forgot my side

Don't bother to leave

There's no room outside

Your sense of pride

Nothing here but a savage blur

AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!

09:01 - 10:12

Burning Spear

10:13 - 13:04

Kill Yr Idols  
I don't know why  
You wanna impress Christgau  
Ah let that shit die  
And find out the new goal  
Kill yr idols  
Sonic death  
It's the end of the world  
Your confusion is sex  
Kill yr idols  
Sonic death  
It's the end of the world  
Your confusion is sex

13:05 - 14:34

Tacked on afterwards is the similar sounding section from

Confusion is Next, slightly spliced up. The song ends, the crowd cheers, and Lee begins retuning his guitar while Kim drones her low E.

14:35 - 15:12

This is somebody repetitiously pounding a single chord, after which Thurston announces We want electricity!, a statement which later became the title of a July '93 Sonic Exhibit in Europe. Total length: 0:37

15:13 - 17:24

This is another unknown song segment. It almost sounds like one gtr is going thru a wah or filter effect, but it's hard to say. This song has not yet appeared on any surfaced SY concert recording, and likely dates back to 1981 (typically SY kept everything they wrote in '82 and '83, but I could see something like this skronky number not making it past the embryonic stage).

17:25 - 17:46

This sounds like a traditional walkman blare, chime loops or the like.

17:47 - 18:32

Another version of Kill Yr Idols, beginning from the song's breakdown.

18:33 - 20:13

Here we hear Thurston banging out his opening chord to The World Looks Red, while Lee gets his screwdriver in place. Thurston says We're Sonic Youth, this song is called

The World  
Looks Red.

This is almost certainly taken from the beginning of a  
1983

show. The track fades just as the bassline begins.

A minute and forty seconds of pre-song preparation,  
and then we only get half a second of music.

20:14 - 21:49

Apparently they agreed -- the exact thing happens with  
Shaking Hell next. It's not as dramatically long,  
and you get to hear more of the song,  
plus the commentary is hilarious, so it's a little more  
tolerable.

Lee introduces the song: This next song's called  
Shaking Hell.

Someone does something to provoke the remark  
Suck my dick, asshole from Thurston,  
and as the band starts the song,

Lee explains: That's an American expression, 'Suck my  
dick'.

Sadly the song is cut off pretty quickly.

21:50 - 22:28

However, it borders on offensive when next we're  
treated to

Thurston's repeated open bass notes, flavored with  
audience  
participation, catcall style.

As soon as the opening riff to Making the Nature Scene  
starts,

we're once again cut off...

22:29 - 23:25

...and it's more chimey noise,  
either the zither or a screwdriver guitar.

23:26 - 24:14

Hear we get the intro harmonics of I Don't Want to Push  
It,

one of the rarer moments on this album.

They're quickly cut out to the song's droning outro.

Unfortunately not much of this rarely performed track  
appears.

Actually, the song appeared from some of the band's  
first shows

up until the last Eurotour in '83,  
so it wasn't all that obscure at the time.

24:15 - 25:09

This is the coda to She's in a Bad Mood.

Such an excellent song, it's too bad they didn't elect to  
include

the whole thing on here.

The live performances are particularly enhanced by the  
sounds

at the end, the aforementioned flute style hums.  
I don't know if they're courtesy of a tape or some guitar  
handlings, but I dig them.

25:10 - 25:58

More subtly mixed/panned ambient noise.

25:59 - 27:37

This is the final unknown song on this release.

This song is also a contender for being the mysterious  
Destroyer. It plods along with atonal chord thrash and a  
steady, commanding drumbeat.

27:38 - 28:18

More solid white noise echovox amp drone.

28:19 - 29:31

The end of this side, and the album, features an  
excerpt of

Thurston talking to the crowd after the November 15th,  
1982

Raleigh, NC show on the Savage Blunder tour with  
Swans.

I Wanna Be Yr Dog on Confusion is Sex was taken from  
this

show as well.

"Buy records by Sonic Youth or Swans, um, they're at  
the door.

They're really cheap, they're like \$3.50, \$5 [mumbles]"

Thurston mutters.

Someone in the crowd suggests

"Let's hear another one by Sonic Youth,"

a notion that is met with agreement by the seemingly  
few

people in attendance,

but Thurston insists:

"No, everything's fucked up. "

The crowd boos and persists, and Thurston applauds  
them and

comments on the crowd in Chapel Hill the night before:

"This is actually the best crowd we've had since...uh...

we

played at Cat's Cradle last night and there were uh, I

think.. 3 people there...

it was good! "

"We're appreciative, play some more!" somebody  
shouts.

More whistling and applause follows,

and Thurston announces:

"We could have a Sonic Youth and Swans jamfest,"

which the crowd finds very appealing. And the album  
ends.

COMPLETE SONG ALERT!

The following songs appear in full on this side of Sonic  
Death:

Early American -- 01:52 - 09:00

Kill Yr Idols -- 10:13 - 13:04

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