

GARY'S BANGERS

VOLUME ONE

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Please enjoy these musical offerings from everyone's favorite Handsome Man™, The Gary.



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I'm not listening to these jams at the moment. I'm listening to the house wrens that nest on the side of our house every year. In the evenings in late spring/early summer they sing up a storm, and I'm right into it. Did this make this mix a little mellower than it needed to be?

Gary says, "Bangers is bangers, even when they're nature."

Any sound can be a bop when you're The Gary. Dig it.

Now that Gary has spoken, I proudly present to you Gary's Bangers, Volume 1:

01. Fat Albert Theme Song

I went back and forth about including this for a while, on account of Bill Cosby being such a horrible person.

However, I was swayed by two factors. 1 - This shit slaps. 2 - What lyric better sums up SSB than "learning from each other while we do our thing?"

02. Shirley & Company - Shame, Shame, Shame

I knew about this song, then I forgot about it, so stumbling on it recently was almost like hearing it for the first time, except I already knew it was going to be awesome. I swear the screechy guy is the reason Prince loses his shit at the end of "Kiss."

03. Dead Moon - Can't Help Falling In Love

Slightly wobbly Elvis cover? Check.

Bass player named "Toody?" Check. I'm in.

04. Bush Tetras - You Can't Be Funky

They're right, you know. I've tried. It wasn't pretty.

05. Ngozi Family - Kumanda Kwa Bambo Wango

The Zamrock Black Sabbath. Kind of literally, since they're completely "copping a lick" from War Pigs.

Watch out for the guitar solo - his fuzzbox makes it slightly louder and a little piercing at first.

06. Shira Small - Eternal Life

She recorded this as part of a senior project in high school. Something life-affirming and wonderful coming out of high school? Now I've heard everything!

07. Perrey and Kingsley - The Little Man From Mars

You mean Mick Ronson? No, he's the little man from The Spiders From Mars. Different thing.

08. Gabor Szabó - Sunshine Superman

Just throwing a little extra spice on Donovan.

A zesty enterprise, indeed.

09. Mick Ronson - Growing Up and I'm Fine

Just David Bowie's guitar player. Not exactly a lightweight. Anyway, you ought to get the joke from #7 now.

10. Haruomi Hasono - Tokyo Rush (東京ラッシュ)

I believe this is about a band in Japan playing Tom Sawyer.

11. The Quik - Bert's Apple Crumble

Bert never shares that shit.

12. Paul Leary - Born Stupid

You may know him as the guitar player for the Butthole Surfers. Being from Texas, he pulls off a convincing, yet Buttholey, country song.

13. Bruce Haack - Incantation

Should probably not have made this song #13 because that seems like Satan bait.

14. Come to the Sabbat - Black Widow

Oh, shit, I was right. Satan's here. Look busy.

15. My Bloody Valentine - drive it all over me

If the "me" in the title is Satan, I'm way ahead of you.

16. Klaus Nomi - Lightning Strikes

Get to Nomi!

(Judges would also have accepted "To Nomi is to love me.")

17. Carole King - Pleasant Valley Sunday - 1966 Demo

Suddenly I felt the urge to tone it down. Solid jam, though.

18. Brinsley Schwarz - (What's So Funny 'Bout) Peace, Love, and Understanding?

I don't know. Is it hippies?

And that's it. I cut out a lot (like maybe half?) of the songs I had gathered because this would have been far too epic for a first outing. Hopefully you liked more songs than you hated. If not, be more like Gary. (Go to sleep.)

Until next time friends,
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