

Reviews: The Nonrefundables ~ Give Up, Give In

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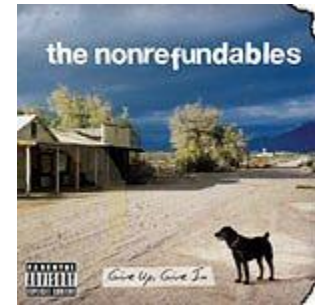
Artist: The Nonrefundables

CD: Give Up, Give In

Home: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Style: Rock

Quote: "Take note, aspiring rock musicians: this CD is a perfect example of how you do the racing speed of rock."



By [Jennifer Layton](#)

That thud you just heard was me flopping back into my seat after jumping around my apartment to this music. I'd cue it up again and keep jumping, but my neighbors already hate me, and I have to write a review.

The frenzied energy of this CD is irresistible. Granted, the sugar kick from the stick of gum they included helped. They may have just sent that to me to bribe me into reviewing this. No need. When you start the CD with a romantic-sounding song that races at punk speed, with lyrics such as "fear on the beach" thrown in to make you suddenly stop and say, "wait, what?" you've pretty much hooked the reviewer.

Take note, aspiring rock musicians: this CD is a perfect example of how you do the racing speed of rock. So many times, I get a CD from a young band that thinks all they have to do is play the guitar as fast and as loud as possible, and the result is a train wreck. This is a very disciplined band. You feel the melody in this wild vibe. This is actual songwriting.

Most of this album stays at the frenetic pace, but the band toys with it a bit. The second track has a smooth, ambling intro before leaping into something very funk/jazz-inspired. Even my neighbors had to admit they liked that one, and they'd already come banging on my door five or six times. I also love the swaying, suggestive groove of the title track. There's a lot of experimental playfulness in this collection, whether it's moptop-shaking frenziness, or something more funky and daring.

They did include some lyrics in the liner notes, so let me leave you with the mystical stylings of their writing:

*I could drift for days, dream my life away,
All the way down it will take you
I guess I should face real enough distaste
Pining for what cannot be caught will break you ...*

Trippy. And very deep. This band may not be able to keep still for one second, but they can keep sharp and focused.

Artist Website: <http://www.thenonrefundables.com>