

## D045.su2 DANCING WITH MR D



*Fans are more dangerous than a man with a weapon because they're after something invisible. Some imagined "something". At least with a gun you know what you're facing.*

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*Strange fear comes over me that the audience might actually devour Dylan and the band. It seems that close. I'm afraid for them. Just the thought that I might be a witness to it. The whole audience takes on the shape of an animal. No more singles, just a throbbing mass, fierce and being teased by raw meat. They make a sound together like a primitive rumble. They crush Styrofoam cups, they chew on blankets, bottles smashing in every corner. I'm getting out fast. Into the night.*

Sam Shepard, *Rolling Thunder Logbook*

I'll start by saying that I've not watched [D045.su2](#) (or any of its variants) all the way through and never will, so if you want to stop reading at this point, please feel free. But I have endured two clips from the gig in question - LARS on [D471](#) and It Ain't Me, Babe on [D671](#). Since their combined running time is 21:58, you could say that I've seen a shade under 18% of Dubuque 1996, and that, as far as I'm concerned, is more than enough. As the Morlocks swarm during the second of those songs, think about its lyric and ask yourself just what kind of perversity it is you're being peddled. [D045.su2](#) is *not* "clearly a 5-Star must-have" as another reviewer (who is also the disc author) claims. It may arguably be so. But it is equally arguably a knock-kneed, one star also-ran - a woefully dismal aberration\* that, like [D623.su](#) (another "infamous" show), you

would do well to consider not wasting your precious time on. The usually upbeat Jman's three star review of [D045.su](#) begins *hate to be a bummer, but this DVD makes me wince* and ends *this is kinda gross ... not a must have, or really worth repeated viewing*. Quite. Or re-authoring either.



I should stress, in case it's not clear already, that being well authored and presented is not the issue here - I'm sure [D045.su2](#) is both those things. But all that means is that you're offered the chance to watch at length Bob playing the fool in slightly cleaner video than previously. I write this because an alternative perspective is sometimes helpful. As soon as I see someone else offer one regarding this dog of a DVD, I'll happily take this "review" down. Meanwhile, do think twice, it's not necessarily alright - depending, of course, on what it is you're looking for, Babe.



**STARS** Life is short. Read George Eliot. Two.

\* Though not just here in Dubuque - for more, see [D080.su](#) review.