

D079.su EDINBURGH, 7 APRIL 1995

SOUND After a glitchy first minute, [D079.su](#)'s soundtrack blossoms into a mostly blemish free beaut (some irritating chat), though slightly too faint - even with all knobs on max, I could just barely get it loud enough to suit.

IMAGE See screenshots (below) - tonight's left of centre balcony position gives a sometimes restricted but rarely obstructed view resulting in a film that's close, dark, tired, Bobcentric and 95% steady, though very far from continuous (first moving pics, for example, occur only at seven minutes in). It's rendered viewable at all only by heavy patching throughout. Though worthy work once again from the author whose speciality this type of restoration seems to have become, his increasing compulsion to chuck in all the effects going results here in a disjointed and indigestible hodge-podge that havers between straight / reverential and waggish / arch without ever quite succeeding at either. Thus whilst the shooting stars are embroidered tastefully in, the "rain" (Juarez and the blue-eyed son) is whimsical at best, the flashing and pulsing interludes are uniformly grim and the two b&w stills of Lenny Bruce dull indeed. As a vehicle for the wonderful soundtrack beneath, such video serves its purpose. But it's no better (arguably worse) than plain black screen and I can't help thinking that, for the want of a bit more discipline, there's a trick here being badly missed.



RUNNING TIME 100 minutes including 1:45 downtime between Most Likely and Thin Man. Full show.

PERFORMANCE Less fire tonight but another radiant, rock solid jewel of a gig, with a mid-set acoustic trio of T Man / Hard Rain / LMZ that will stand comparison with any other you care to name. Wonderfully good.

HIGHLIGHTS Fine throughout.

COMMENT If you come to see this DVD, take a look at its very last still. A few more where that came from could have set things right here in short order. But never mind the pics. Close your eyes and sail away.

THANKS The mighty BD

STARS Audio five, video three = four