

D218.su **TWO'S COMPANY?**

DOWNSIDE If you like to see the whole band play, this DVD is not for you. The right-floor camera position allows a cross-shot view of D and Larry only, with Bucky, Kemper and Tony all unseen throughout. And if H61R is your favourite song, be prepared for a disappointment, for the otherwise pristine upgrade audio track is marred by three bursts of interference - the first, lasting ten seconds, occurs during the play-out of Hard Rain, then come separate ten and twenty second interludes during H61, with another faint touch (barely noticeable) halfway through Love Sick. The picture still goes funny during Tangled and, finally, steel yourself for stage and performers being bathed in clouds of blood* (last DVDylan screenshot), not during CIB, but first Masters (quite fitting) then Forever Young (not).



UPSIDE There wasn't too much wrong with [D218](#) (see review): a slightly overloaded soundtrack - here resolved - and a missing first verse of H61 - here patched to give, this time around, a complete show. If you think the set, at 83:40, rather short, it's because the bill this night was a D / Van the Man double header. But never mind the clock, for 83 minutes of this is worth five hours of [D431.su](#), [D007](#) or several others equally grim. I could pick out highlights - Serve Somebody, Simple Twist, Ramona, LMZ - but nothing falls flat - not even Silvio. Not even CIB! As for being limited to a view of Bob and Larry only, they make a photogenic pair, very easy on the eye and this superb film is a joy to behold all through. Top marks to taper, filmer, author (and, of course, performer) - artists all. One not to be missed.

THANKS Yassou and Yunz (the Two Ys Men)

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* The arresting Cold Irons image *clouds of blood* was a particular favourite of Blake, who used it seven times - thrice in *Jerusalem* and *Milton* and once in *The Book of Urizen*. I wonder which of them - if any - fed magpie D?

NOTE For an even better version of this fine DVD, seek out [D218.su2](#).