

R.E.M.

THE COMPLETE GREEN DEMOS

John Keane's Studios

Athens, GA

Bearsville Studios

NY

1988

This boot has an interesting story behind it. I used to go every month, religiously, to a record show at the Holiday Inn in Hillside, IL back in the mid-90s. Usually it would be the same pile of crap at every dealer, with the odd surprise find every now and then.

This was one of them.

An elderly lady was minding her son's table, whereby he had about a half-dozen cassettes in a box amongst the Zeppelin bootlegs he was selling. I was quite surprised to see a cassette labeled "Green demos" amongst the crap he had, and for \$2.00, snapped it up. I normally didn't buy bootleg tapes but from the tracklisting I could tell this was something special. I never did meet the guy whose table it was, so I was never able to confirm lineage or the source.

This tape not only contained all the previously-known Green demos floating about on various bootlegs, but it ALSO had 3 additional songs that I do not believe EVER appeared on any boots. In fact I don't think that prior to me trading this tape, these three tracks were known amongst collectors to exist as "Green demos".

The three songs are:

- 09 - The Wrong Child (instrumental) — much longer than Green version
- 10 - Get Up (Vocal) — partially written lyric, with music boxes but different musical backing tracks
- 14 - Stand — no wah-wah guitar solo, different musical backing tracks

I confirmed the above with Todd Ploharski, owner of Athens, GA's Low Yo Yo record store and one of the scene's biggest REM collectors. If it existed in

the REM trader/collector universe, Todd knew about it (if he didn't actually have it himself). He'd never seen these three songs out there anywhere.

I suspect this originated with either a band member late in the Bearsville sessions or a Bearsville studio staff person because of the development stages of the songs (i.e. the music boxes on "Get Up" - the idea came in a dream Bill Berry had late in the day while the band were recording at Bearsville, and the previously-leaked instrumental demo does not have the music box interlude). If the newly-discovered songs were simply tacked on the end of a tape of previously-leaked demos that would be one thing - but since they were interspersed amongst the others I think this is a different source altogether than the one used to seed all the boots containing Green demos ("Sleeping Songs", "Archival Footage", etc...). Furthermore the 4 unreleased instrumental tracks are FAR better quality here than any of the pre-existing bootleg releases.

If any of you were part of the REM Trade Ring in 1999 or so and got these there, I was the source for that. This is from the original CD-R I made for that.

So there you go, more REM demo goodness. Enjoy.

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- 01 Pop Hit 89 (Pop Song 89)
- 02 Orange Crush
- 03 Get Up (instrumental)
- 04 I Remember California
- 05 Untitled Instrumental 1
- 06 Title (instrumental)
- 07 Great Big (instrumental)
- 08 Untitled Instrumental 2
- 09 The Wrong Child (instrumental)
- 10 Get Up (vocal)
- 11 So Awake, Volunteer (The Eleventh Untitled Song) (instrumental)
- 12 Hairshirt (instrumental)
- 13 You Are The Everything
- 14 Stand

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Source: Studio —> ??? —> Unknown-gen cassette
Lineage: cassette —> SBLive —> CD-Wave —> CDR —> CDex —> FLAC
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