

Mud - Mud On Mudd (1970)

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Side one: A1. *Medicated Goo/The Lights Gonna Shine* A2. *The Bells* A3. *Let's Hurt Together*
A4. *I Thank You* Side two: B1. *Coloured Rain* B2. *Satisfied Mind* B3. *I'll Sell My*
Heart To A Clown B4. *Why Don't We Do It In The Road* B5. *Let's Think Awhile* B6. *If We Try*
Musicians: Tommy 'G' Gonzales - vocals, horns Randy Castillo - drums Chuck Klingbeil -
hammond B-3 Arnold Bodmer - keyboard Steve D'Coda - lead guitar Vic Gabrielle - bass and
guitar

With production credited to Buffalo Bill Productions, 1970's "Mud On Mudd" offered up a competent and occasionally engaging set of early-1970s hard rock. To be totally honest, you won't find anything particularly original, or inspirational on the album, but virtually every one of the 11 tracks had something going for it, making it one of the more consistent releases I've stumbled across in recent times. Absent any kind of performance credits I can't tell you anything about the band members, though the lead singer had a nice raspy voice that sounded a bit like a Joe Cocker in control of his faculties, or perhaps a less shrill Gary Wright. The keyboardist and lead guitarist were also quite good, the former showcasing his talents on 'Let's Hurt Together' while the latter powered tracks like 'The Lights Gonna Shine' with thick sustained chords that occasionally recalled Procol Harum-era Robin Trower. Musically the set was divided between popular rock covers (including an undistinguished Beatles track and a pair of decent Traffic covers) and what I'm guessing were originals credited in various combinations to A. Klein, V. Gabrielle, and Tom G. It's one of those LPs where it's hard to come up with an apt comparison, but imagine something along the lines of an early Americanized version of Spooky Tooth and you'll be in the right neighborhood. --- rateyourmusic.com

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