Status Quo - Don't Stop (1996)



01 - Fun, Fun, Fun 02 - When You Walk In The Room 03 - I Can Hear The Grass Grow 04 - You Never Can Tell 05 - Get Back 06 - Safety Dance 07 - Raining In My Heart 08 - Don't Stop 09 - Sorrow 10 - Proud Mary 11 - Lucille 12 - Johnny And Mary 13 - Get Out Of Denver 14 - The Future's So Bright (I Gotta Wear Shades) 15 - All Around My Hat Musicians: Francis Rossi - vocals, lead guitar Rick Parfitt - vocals Andy Bown - keyboards John Edwards - bass, backing vocals Jeff Rich - drums, percussion + Gary Barnacle - saxophone

Thirty years into their career, and with plenty of cover versions under their belts, Quo celebrated their anniversary by releasing an album of cover versions. The twist here is that you'll find Quo taking their unique rock approach to songs that you wouldn't expect them to cover such as Men Without Hats' "The Safety Dance," the Move's "I Can Hear the Grass Grow," Timbuk 3's "The Future's So Bright (I Gotta Wear Shades)," Fleetwood Mac's "Don't Stop," and more. Though not all of it is successful, there are some fine moments to be had including "When You Walk in the Room" with Francis Rossi wrapping his smooth, wounded vocals over an extraordinary version of this classic. Robert Palmer's "Johnny and Mary" sounds just as grand as the original, though Rossi's vocals are more personal than Palmer's. Buddy Holly's "Raining in My Heart" features Queen's Brian May (and rumor says that most of the track is actually May with Rossi guesting) and is touching and sweet. There are some duds, including "Lucille," "Get Back," and "Proud Mary," but overall, this is a refreshing and very listenable collection of covers by a band that tends to renew rock & roll every time they enter the studio. --- Steve "Spaz" Schnee, allmusic.com

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