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Jeff Gutman

Cold Cold Town

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San Francisco artist Jeff Gutman breaks out a new groove with the edgy *Cold Cold Town*, his third album, released on Mr. Knees Records. The album has a very lo-fi, early '70s feel, and it contains a few hidden gems.

The album opens with the title track, "Cold Cold Town," a picture of a typical, chaotic metropolitan city. "What You'll Never Know" and "If I Never Saw You" are other solid tracks on the album.

The strength of the album is in Gutman's storytelling, such as the track "Bittersweet," a tale about a woman he met on tour, who was pregnant and far away from her boyfriend and family. This Gutman dude is a road warrior. Writer Kevin Davis details Gutman's life and past occupations online. Gutman worked as an overnight hotel concierge where he was robbed, an ice cream maker, a member of anti-authority Free Radio Santa Cruz and a movie theater manager, among other jobs.

Ultimately, it's too bad this cat wasn't born about 25 years earlier. His style would have gone over a lot smoother in a past era. However, Gutman breaks loose with some solid tunes and catches a few haunting pictures of this weird, weird world on *Cold, Cold Town*.



Rating: ★★★★★

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