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THE MONKS

"Demo Tapes 1965" - CD

Wow! If you are a Monks fan, you probably already have this. Before *Black Monk Time* was recorded Gary, Eddie, Roger, Dave and Larry had been playing live shows in Germany as The Five Torquays, doing lots of covers of hits of the day. After hooking up with some fellow free thinking managers, they recorded ten songs in which they laid down some quirky works in progress in hopes of finding a label to work with. When Polydor took the band onboard, they sent the group into a studio and the result is one of the wildest artifacts of mid-'60s rock and roll experimentation. The demos that started the ball rolling for The Monks were six months old by then and their set had changed somewhat. Two of the songs, "Pretty Suzanne" and "Hushie Pushie" had been dropped and others had been added. Arrangements had been changed. Lyrics had been added or altered. It's a wonderful thing for Monks geeks that the demos are available as an historic document... and as a damn good listen! This set includes two songs the band recorded previously as The Five Torquays, "There She Walks," and Boys are Boys," as well as a tribute remix medley piece called "Monk Hop." Wild, dad, wild!

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