

**Journey Through the Past.** Neil Young. Reprise. 2XS 6480. On a course of increasing emptiness and self-parody since "After the Goldrush," the once-brilliant Neil Young has reached his lowest point thus far with this double-disc album. Only one new song is included ("Soldier") and it's mediocre. The remainder consists of alternate takes and the studio working-out of previously released songs, including one whole side of "Words"; live TV and stage performances; a Beach Boys instrumental; and, believe it or not, a healthy helping of the Tony and Susan Alamo Christian Foundation Orchestra and Chorus doing their hits. "Journey" is supposed to be the soundtrack to a movie of the same title that Young has made. The album may be interesting enough to purchase for those fascinated by the sound of Young's every tunc-up and breath, but others would do well to wait for the film, or for Neil's next album, or even longer. even longer.

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