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# The Clean *Anthology*



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## TRACK LIST:

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| LP1                                          | LP3                        |
| 1. Tally Ho                                  | 23. Drawing To A Hole      |
| 2. Platypus                                  | 24. I Wait Around          |
| 3. Billy Two                                 | 25. The Blue               |
| 4. Thumbs Off                                | 26. Someone                |
| 5. Anything Could Happen                     | 27. Big Soft Punch         |
| 6. Sad Eyed Lady                             | 28. Diamond Shine          |
| 7. Point That Thing Somewhere Else           | 29. Big Cat                |
| 8. Fish                                      | 30. Outside the Cage       |
| 9. Flowers                                   | 31. Safe in the Rain       |
| 10. Side On                                  | 32. Secret Place           |
| 11. Slug Song                                | 33. Do Your Thing          |
| LP2                                          | LP4                        |
| 12. Beatnik                                  | 34. Linger Longer          |
| 13. End of My Dream                          | 35. Too Much Violence      |
| 14. On Again/Off Again                       | 36. Trapped in Amber       |
| 15. At the Bottom                            | 37. Psychedelic Ranger     |
| 16. Getting Older                            | 38. Late Last Night        |
| 17. Scrap Music                              | 39. Ludwig                 |
| 18. Whatever I Do Is Right                   | 40. Wipe Me, I'm Lucky     |
| 19. Two Fat Sisters (live at the Rhumba Bar) | 41. Franz Kafka at the Zoo |
| 20. Odditty                                  | 42. Clutch                 |
| 21. Quickstep (live at the Gladstone)        | 43. Balkans                |
| 22. At the Bottom (live at the Gladstone)    | 44. Indigo Blue            |
|                                              | 45. Chumpy                 |
|                                              | 46. Twist Top              |

*Anthology* serves as a celebration of The Clean, a band whose influence extends so far beyond their New Zealand home that even if you have never heard of The Clean before, you have surely heard of some of the bands (Pavement, Yo La Tengo, and Superchunk, to name a few) who have been influenced by their unique blend of homemade garage rock, hook-filled melodies, and psychedelic experimentalism.

The album is a compilation from across The Clean's legendary career, which began in 1981 and continues today. Merge originally released the 2-CD *Anthology* in 2003, but in celebration of our 25th anniversary, we felt the time was right to release this essential collection on quadruple LP.

*Anthology* kicks off with The Clean's call-to-arms debut "Tally Ho!"; the story of the infectious track's \$60 recording bill is now legendary. It continues with the early EPs *Boodle Boodle Boodle* and *Great Sounds Great* in their entirety. The hits—"Billy Two," "Anything Could Happen," "Beatnik," and "Getting Older"—and live favorites like "Point That Thing Somewhere Else" and instrumentals "Fish" and "At the Bottom" all serve up memories of the joyous noise that characterized The Clean of that time. These recordings, mostly made by the band with Chris Knox and Doug Hood at the helm of the 4-track, capture the bright, raw sound of a classic garage band.

After a brief breakup, the band recorded *Vehicle* in 1989. *Vehicle* was made in three days and engineered by Alan Moulder (Smashing Pumpkins, Nine Inch Nails, My Bloody Valentine). The sounds of *Vehicle* and the two albums that followed it, *Modern Rock* (1994) and *Unknown Country* (1996), make up the bulk of discs 3 and 4 of the vinyl *Anthology*. In addition to selections from these full-length recordings, *Anthology* includes two songs released only on an American 7-inch and two that appeared on a bonus flexi-disc with the *Modern Rock* LP.