



SKEET Simple Reality

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NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

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DESCRIPTION

Simple Reality cements the short-lived legacy of Coventry DIY group **Skeet**. Emerging from a scene of first-generation punks and 2 Tone kids, Skeet was instigated by **Gary** and **Nigel Meffen** in 1981, fusing tightrope instrumentals with a Roland CR-8000 under the glow of projected visuals. After a cassette of their debut performance found its way to **Kay Booth** who worked at Inferno Records, the unsuspecting frontwoman took the liberty of adding her own vocals. Instantly embraced as a permanent member, Booth's shy delivery and open-diary expressions of social alienation and romantic rejection hovered over the brothers' scratchy guitar and agitated bass. Playing as few as ten shows, their unnerving minimalism was recorded in a suburban home studio, borrowing a reel-to-reel from **Toby Lyons (The Colourfield)** and a mixer from **Jerry Dammers (The Specials)**. Record labels gestured interest until one day they were no more – no arguments, no official split, just a silent parting of the ways and three people taking journeys in different directions. Unheard and unloved in the vaults for nearly four decades, "Brief Call" finally resurfaced via the Coventry Music Museum compendium *Alternative Sounds Volume 1*, followed by a micro pressing of the full suite on **Chris Long's** Almost Unknown imprint in 2023. *Simple Reality* now offers a definitive snapshot of these must-hear neurotic post-punks. Mastered by Skeet fanatic **Mikey Young**, newly discovered instrumental multitracks are restored alongside a live recording of their final stand. Performed atop of a trailer in a pub beer garden, the release-worthy desk tape adds three new tracks and a more energized swing at "Left On the Shelf's" apathetic techno-pop. RIYL: **Fire Engines, 23 Skidoo, A Certain Ratio, Young Marble Giants, pel mel.**

TRACKLISTING

01. Alone Tonight
02. Brief Call
03. Young Girls
04. Avril In The Alps
05. Conscious Effort
06. I Was Never Told
07. Left on the Shelf
08. Song of Love

HIGHLIGHTS

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