

AIN'T THIS BLISS WITH YOU & THIS

VARIOUS ARTISTS

AIN'T THIS BLISS... is a double 7" record set featuring several great bands: **The Doubters**, **Dieselhed**, **Tarnation**, & **The Buckets** are the locals featured, with Ohio's **Ass Ponys** being theringer. This is a great local sampler of "New Country" and if that's still not a graspable concept, this makes a good introduction. It's also a showcase of diverse talents. The Doubters cut, "Gauzy Dress" leads off the collection - I had the chance to see them live at the now defunct Kennel Club once & their music struck me as something you'd want to be listening to while your blood drains thickly on the floor from your slashed wrists. (But what's country music without a Sir of tragedy & loss to add a touch of bitterness?)

For those who need something a bit more upbeat. The Buckets are their usual energetic selves with "The Dog", highlighted by Earl Butter's clever, funny lyrics & Wanda Tater's expressive fiddle playing. Dieselhed lays it on thick & heavy on "Greyhound" and Tarnation's "His Middle Name" & Ass Ponys "It's Summer Here" round out the set.

It's a grand debut for Spin The Bottle Records (915 Cole St., Ste. 330, SF, CA 94117) & here's hoping they continue to put out more local music.

