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The Nervebreakers-Face Up to Reality

Think of this record as a follow-up that took a while to emerge.

It was 1980, 40 years ago as I write this, when The Nervebreakers -- who'd bossed the nascent Dallas punk scene from its inception, opened for every punk/"new wave" touring act that passed through Big D (Ramones, Sex Pistols, Clash, Police), and made the pages of *Rolling Stone* via the image of guitarist Barry Kooda with a fish in his mouth onstage at the Pistols show -- recorded their sole long player, *We Want Everything!*, which then took 14 years to make it onto vinyl.

When the sessions for *We Want Everything!* were complete, Haskins and Childress left to form Bag O' Wire, while The Nervebreakers recruited replacements for an East Coast tour, after which the band folded. Edwards and Kooda followed different musical directions, while Giesecke toured with Roky Erickson (whom The Nervebreakers had backed in 1979).

Fast forward to 2008, when The Nervebreakers reconvened in Haskins' home studio to record some songs they'd never gotten around to documenting back when. The energy and excitement of the band in its heyday were still in ample supply, along with tunefulness, crunch, and sardonic wit. Highlights include the title track's snaky rifferama, the leg-twitching rockabilly of "Just Yawn," the splenetic snarl of "Don't Wanna Be Used," and the sprightly punk-country of "I Don't Wanna Hold Your Hand." Kooda penned the ennui anthem "Wake Me Up," and co-wrote the dance-craze theme "They Were Doing the Pogo." The closing triptych of "It's Obvious," "Breaking Down," and "I'd Rather Die" provides a rousing conclusion to a rockin' set of tunes that's long overdue, but right on time.

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THE NERVEBREAKERS

Thom "Tex" Edwards- lead vocals
Mike Haskins- lead guitar/ backing vocal
Barry Kooda- guitar/ backing vocal
Carl Giesecke- drums
Bob "Wildman" Childress- bass



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Produced by Mike Haskins

1. FACE UP (3:33)
2. JUST YAWN (3:01)
3. I'M LOST (4:31)
4. I DON'T WANNA HOLD YOUR HAND (2:51)
5. THEY WERE DOING THE POGO (3:22)
6. JUST DON'T WANNA BE USED (4:14)
7. FORMERLY STREET QUEEN (4:12)
8. IT'S OBVIOUS (2:48)
9. BREAKING DOWN (3:46)
10. I'D RATHER DIE (3:21)

