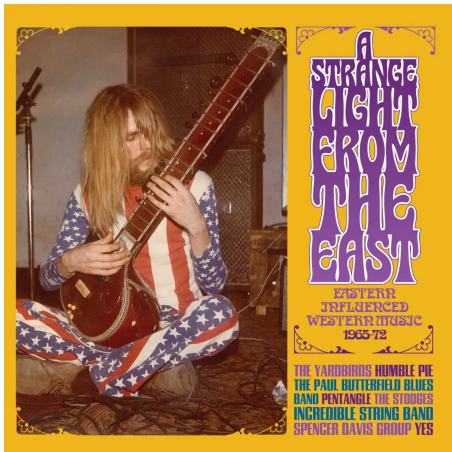


Various Artists: A Strange Light From The East - Eastern Influenced Western Music 1965-72

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1965–1972 period saw Western music transformed through the integration of Eastern music and philosophy and raga influences.

- Iconic tracks by The Byrds, The Yardbirds, and The Paul Butterfield Blues Band pioneered the fusion of modal jazz, Indian classical music, and psychedelic rock.
- These experiments laid the foundations for progressive rock, proto-punk, and world music, permanently altering the technical and creative landscape of modern music.

The dawn of the British folk revival broke in 1965 when Bert Jansch's "folk-baroque" finger style revolutionised tradition, providing the early morning light for a burgeoning psychedelic scene which, by 1972 had traveled from folk clubs to the high-concept landscapes of progressive rock, exemplified by the Eastern-tinged sitar-guitar on Yes's 'Siberian Khatru'.

Western artists utilised Eastern forms as a new musical bedrock. The Byrds transitioned from folk-rock into the uncharted territory of 'Eight Miles High', a track widely cited as the first true U.S. "Raga Rock" single. Driven by Roger McGuinn's solos - inspired by Ravi Shankar and John Coltrane - it proved pop could embrace complex modal structures. Similarly, The Yardbirds' Jeff Beck used high-fuzz pedals to mimic a sitar's drone on 'Heart Full Of Soul'. As the daylight intensified, ambitious excursions pushed genre limits. The Paul Butterfield Blues Band bridged the gap between traditional forms and the jam-band aesthetic with 'East West', a masterpiece of modal jazz and Indian classical music. Kaleidoscope's 'Egyptian Gardens' remains one of the most authentic examples of the trend, blending Middle Eastern scales into world-music fusion. Even the driving rhythms of Shocking Blue's 'Love Buzz' showed how the raga sound was integrated into emerging hard rock.

This "strange light" provided the blueprint for the complex musical architecture that followed. The technical rigours of progressive rock grew directly from these experiments; Jimmy Page's DADGAD tuning on 'White Summer' became a Led Zeppelin staple. The influence even reached into the shadows, as The Stooges traded garage-rock for the ritualistic intensity of 'We Will Fall'. From the "space-age" pop of The Riot Squad to the "Indo-Afro" experiments of The 40 Watt Banana, this era of cross-pollination forever altered the horizons of Western musicians.

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DISC ONE

1. BERT JANSCH - Anji
2. THE YARDBIRDS w/ JEFF BECK - Heart Full of Soul
3. THE BYRDS - Eight Miles High
4. THE RIOT SQUAD - I Take It That We're Through
5. THE CYRKLE - Turn Down Day
6. THE MIRAGE - Tomorrow Never Knows
7. THE MISUNDERSTOOD - I Unseen (IBC Acetate)
8. THE PAUL BUTTERFIELD BLUES BAND - East West
9. TUESDAY'S CHILDREN - Strange Light From the East
10. BIG JIM SULLIVAN - She's Leaving Home
11. DANTALION'S CHARIOT - This Island
12. THE FLOWER POT - Wantin' Ain't Gettin'
13. THE ZODIAC - Libra - The Flower Child
14. KALEIDOSCOPE - Egyptian Gardens
15. WEST COAST POP ART EXPERIMENTAL BAND - Buddha
16. THE YARDBIRDS w/ JIMMY PAGE - White Summer
17. THE FUGS - Hare Krishna
18. THE MISTY WIZARDS - It's Love
19. HI REVVING TONGUES - (The Psychedelic) Illusion
20. SPIRIT - Girl In Your Eye
21. THE LEMON PIPERS - I Need Someone (The Painter)
22. THE TWILIGHTS - Devendra
23. CHAD & JEREMY - Sunstroke
24. BOEING DUVEEN & THE BEAUTIFUL SOUP - Which Dreamed It

DISC TWO

1. SPENCER DAVIS GROUP - After Tea
2. JULY - The Way (Unreleased version)
3. TALES OF JUSTINE - Sitting On A Blunestone
4. EAST OF EDEN - Waterways (Demo)
5. ELMER GANTRY'S VELVET OPERA - Air
6. TOMORROW - Real Life Peppermint Dream
7. THE RASCALS - Sattva
8. INCREDIBLE STRING BAND - Koeeoaddi There
9. PRETTY THINGS - Bracelets
10. MERRELL FANKHAUSER & HMS BOUNTY - A Visit with Ashiya
11. THE CEYLEIB PEOPLE - Menyatt Dyl Com
12. THE NIRVANA SITAR & STRING GROUP - Head
13. THE STOOGES - We Will Fall
14. BLOSSOM TOES - Just Above My Hobby Horse's Head
15. HUMBLE PIE - The Light Of Love
16. PENTANGLE - Once I Had A Sweetheart
17. WALTER HORTON & MARTIN STONE - Netti Netti

DISC THREE

1. SHOCKING BLUE - Love Buzz
2. CLARK-HUTCHINSON - Impromptu In 'E' Minor

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3. LYNNE PIKE - Given Time
4. JEREMY HARMER - Tuesday P.M.
5. BLONDE ON BLONDE - Spinning Wheel
6. THE HUBBELS - Hippy Dippy Funky Monkey Double Bubble Sitar Man
7. THIRD EAR BAND - Ghetto Raga (Edit)
8. JOHN RENBOURN - Lamento di Tristan
9. THE FOX - Butterfly
10. MEIC STEVENS - Yorric
11. ANANDA SHANKAR - Jumpin' Jack Flash
12. NITAI DASGUPTA - Baitha Tano
13. ABACUS - Song For Brunhilde
14. THE 40 WATT BANANA - Nirvana
15. PANDIT KANWAR SAIN TRIKHA - Folk Piece In Kahrwa
16. WIZZ JONES - American Land
17. YES - Siberian Khatru