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QUIET SUN

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Splendidly packaged reissue of Phil Manzanera-helmed band's one and only album

Reformed, following the first full flowering of Roxy fame, to record this 1975 debut in quick, one take sessions, Quiet Sun were a brief, brilliant comet in the prog/glam interface. Featuring Manzanera and Matching Mole alumnus Bill McCormick, the outfit were originally ignored – the booklet to this repackaging even features several rejection letters. But with Eno in tow, they added combustible synths that elevated the elegantly structured set-pieces. And the keyboards of sometime quantum physics lecturer Dave Jarrett complement Manzanera's fluent euphoric breaks expertly: technical 'chops' and instinctive dynamics entwined.

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