

BIG AUDIO DYNAMITE - Live: E=MC2 DVD ([Cherry Red](#)) There's a line from the Big Audio Dynamite track "E=MC2" that I always use, "Somebody I never met, but either way I know," and with greater use of the internet, especially with the rise of [MySpace](#), I use it more than ever. I agree with post-modernist thinker Michel Foucault, in that we are now more connected, yet disconnected, than ever before. Wait... where was I? Oh yeah, Big Audio Dynamite. In late 1983 The Clash, prodded by their manager Bernie Rhodes, decided to give Mick Jones the ax. It was probably alright in Jones' book, as he went on to form Big Audio Dynamite with film director Don Letts (*The Punk Rock Movie*), and luckily had nothing to do with The Clash's 1986 release *Cut the Crap*. Soon after the split with Strummer and crew Mick's new project took off in alternative circles, as it was a mix of what he was later bringing to The Clash's table: hip-hop, reggae, and a bit of dance rock. In 1990, Jones scrapped the lineup and reformed the band as Big Audio Dynamite II (later in '94 changing it to simply, Big Audio). This disc is actually B.A.D.II, and contains a near hour of the band shot (on multi-angle cameras) in London's Town and Country Club in front of a sellout crowd. They play all the early songs I really like "Medicine Show", "E=MC2" and "The Bottom Line", as well as the later chart-topper "Rush" and even a Prince cover ("1999"). This was a great video captured for fans, as well as for folks - like me - who never got to see the band live.

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