

THE BIG TAKEOVER

van morrison
under review: 1964-1974 dvd
(MVD Visual)

For people that like to read, think about and watch music in addition to just listening to it, this is a good critical look at Morrison's early work, and any fan of Van would do well to see this at least once. But this could be a lot more dynamic—not the part with the critics sitting around discussing the singer (all British writers including **Johnny Rogan**, **Nigel Williamson**, **Steve Turner** and others), as that's well edited and interesting. However, when they insert Morrison's voice from interviews, they show tape moving through a tape recorder. Yawn! Anything - a picture of a sunset, a furry kitty - would be better. Anyway this covers his early years with **Them** and then his solo career from 1968's landmark *Astral Weeks* to 1974's *Veedon Fleece* with lots of live concerts throughout his career. Pretty good except for, you know, the tape deck.
(mvdb2b.com)