

# tenesee kait

## 'CHERRIES'

[SINGLE REVIEW]

Before I get bogged down in trying to describe what this band sounds like, I must say a couple of important things: My name is in their name! How cool. And Cher's name is also up there, wow I love playing word games. And thing #2: Cherries. What's that all about - a reference to nipples perhaps? I hope so.

TK are from Perth, but that's not their fault. They don't seem like the kind of guys to munch through a pick 'n' mix bag of pills before getting on down at the Ice House. I think they'd be much happier sitting at home eating toast and jam, but then who wouldn't? It's a proven food combination, just like salt and vinegar or tuna and your mum.

According to the Scot Punks resident psychologist, there is strong sexual imagery associated with this single. On the front cover, the cherries are ripe and glistening. On the inside of the CD, they are squashed and broken. There is a clear implication that Tenesee Kait's ferocious guitar assault will steal your cherry and transform you into a rock gutter-slut before you've even had time to stop the bleeding. Brutal!

Time to play word association with this band; punk, Idlewild, rock, America, distortion, jangly, samey, euphoric. Or in slightly less wanky terms, this is what you get for your two quid:

### ① **CHERRIES**

Melodic, distortion-friendly number, big on choruses. It's OK.

### ② **ISO:STATION**

Iso:station, get it? Edgier, darker sounding song. Similarly 'big' chorus. And some ace *Jack Off Jill*-style screaming. '*These dreams are sentimental.*' OK, whatever you say guys.

### ③ **KINETIC**

Classy intro until it turns into *She Sells Sanctuary* by The Cult. Strange. And the chorus sounds the same as all the others. Not a good thing.

Tennessee Kait; a bit of a one-trick whore then. Blow-jobs are good, but you wouldn't want one every five minutes, would you? Hang on, not such a good example. It's like seeing Pete in Belmont Street - you'd say hi, but you wouldn't want to hang around for too long. Someone out there knows which band TK sound like but it sure ain't me. File under 'Not Bad At What They Do.'

Reviewed by Kai Sirius.