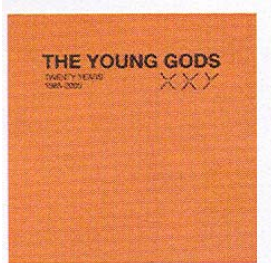


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THE YOUNG GODS

XXY (TWENTY YEARS
1985-2005)

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THOUGH THE Young Gods have been a key musical influence on bands such modern luminaries as Nine Inch Nails and Ministry it's a shame that, two decades on, they've remained something short of a household name in rock circles. What's most impressive about 'XXY' isn't just the fact that you'll find more ideas (try classical, ambient, industrial and break-neck metal overdrive for starters) in a single song than most bands manage over an entire lifetime, but that the music still *sounds* light years ahead of everyone else. The world's unlikely to catch up now, but at least, this time it could give them a look in.

DOWNLOAD: 'Skinflowers', 'Donnez Les Esprits'.

FOR FANS OF: Jim 'Foetus' Thirwell, The Mars Volta.

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