Mp3 Fox - The Dream



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Jay Z/Beatles hybrid, The Gray Album, while a simple vocal about the face that lights up my darkest day manages a triumph of sincerity over schmaltz. The sleek, spooky space rocker Clear Sky is one of the few tracks that lets the electronics move in to the foreground; but its on the closing bonus track, 99 Myself, that Fox loosens his grip on the controls just a bit. And its well worth it. Gnarled aggro folk strumming plays off against a bouncing acid house beat and Foxs own helium Bee Gees backing vocals. Technologys a wonderful thing, but it sometimes helps to throw in a bit of good old fashioned weirdness. by overplay

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