



BEAT HAPPENING

BLACK CANDY

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*Other Side • Black Candy • Knick Knack • Pajama Party in a Haunted Hive • Gravedigger Blues • Cast a Shadow
Bonfire • T.V. Girl • Playhouse • Ponytail*

Hey, Gravedigger. Welcome to *Black Candy*, the third Beat Happening album. Bret, Heather and Calvin explore the more sinister aspects of life, with an eye towards the relief that can be found in its simpler pleasures. "Melancholy" is a word that has been used to describe this approach, though *Black Candy* does include many optimistic moments. If you like your pop music effervescent and carefree, there's "T.V. Girl" and "Other Side" to polish your bike to. If you like it black, here's a blast of playhouse on fire, pajama party and haunted shadow to propel your day.

Originally a 1989 K release, available on Rough Trade in the U.K., *Black Candy* was re-issued on Sub/Pop in 1993. Included on here is the original version of "Cast a Shadow", covered by Yo La Tengo and Cub. *Black Candy* has been out of print for several years on CD except as a part of the *Crashing Through* (KLP115) box set of Beat Happening material. *Crashing Through* includes all five of the Beat Happening albums (*Beat Happening*, *Jamboree*, *Black Candy*, *Dreamy*, *You Turn Me On*) plus the singles compilation *Music to Climb the Apple Tree By* (KLP109). All of the packaging for the CDs has been redesigned as six-panel digi-pak to include additional photographs of the band, many of which have never been published previously. An exclusive seventh CD-Rom features live and video material, including a video for "Other Side" from *Black Candy*. The seven CDs are accompanied by a 96-page book written by Lois Maffeo that tells the story of Beat Happening through the words of the band members and their contemporaries, along with obscure poster art, 45 sleeves and dozens of rare photographs.

"The most sexually-charged rock LP since some Bauhaus disc I forgot the name of...the secret to Beat Happening's complete domination of rock lies not in the music's simplicity, nor what some fuckheads see as feigned innocence or eccentricity; Calvin, Heather and Bret take on situations and ideas, not 'cause they think it's funny or strange to feel the way they do – Beat Happening truly live in the world they sing about...it's not a sense of wonder they convey, it's the truest sense of abandon anyone's created in way too long...read all about it in USA Today, best side one since Slip It In. I know, real predictable benchmark." - Gerard Cosloy, *Conflict*

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