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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2006 21:53:33 GMT  
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Fri, 30 Jun 2006 23:26:59 GMT  
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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2006 00:40:58 GMT  
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Agreed!... and I'll say it another way; with a legit panel of judges, Kansas could be totally cracked-out and still better a "53" out of 100 list.

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sat, 01 Jul 2006 05:30:40 GMT  
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I would love to see Zeppelin cover "Fantasy" Or Getaway"..BUT, EWF covered  
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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Sun, 02 Jul 2006 15:17:32 GMT  
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Neil the reason you would not think them is because your definition of Rock & Roll is of the "Distorted Guitar" form of Rock & Roll. I grew up in the late 60's- 70's which in my opinion is some the greatest music ever. My musical exposure growing up in Detroit is vast my many other musicians coming from other states. In Detroit(inner-city), most of the players grew up playing Hendrix out the gate right along with Motown, and bebop. This was expected out of all Detroit Musicians..Now, my buddies accros 8 mile rd (aka the Burb) where ONLY concentrating on the "Hendrix" aspect of the Rock art form..Hmmm.. What's the reason for that.

Well, having many buddies rockers across 8 miles(akak the burbs), and afetr many beers and jam sessions, we on the other side of the tracks (8 mile) summized that they we just 'LAZY" and playing 3-4 bar chords and "licks was easier to learn to play. Yep the old Beta vs VHS. During the 70's in our region and across the US, playing the 3-4 bar chord was every where. Me and my friends in'The Hood" were deep in studio of the masters of Jazz,and you were not considered a"serious" musician if all you played were 3-4 bar chords. By age 15, we were playing all forms of Rock & Roll and we could go and sit in with any 3-4 bar chord bands and "ripped"

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Ahhh, you guys are fulla-bulla....

Dese guys are de best ever.

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Posted by [LaMont](#) on Mon, 03 Jul 2006 03:11:19 GMT

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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Monkees](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Monkees)

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