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The Hollywood Stars

Sound City BURGER

The Sound of star quality.



With two false starts and an eventual debut that failed to ignite, the Kim

Fowley-managed Hollywood Stars are another of those bands that should have been huge but never made it - despite writing Alice Cooper's *Escape* and Kiss's *King Of The Night Time World*.

Following the very limited 2013 release of their shelved 1974 album, finally titled *Shine Like A Radio, Sound City*, recorded in 1976 but unreleased until now, is another ace example of US glam and power-pop. Five of the tracks eventually made it to the band's Arista debut in 1977, but the band favour the more spontaneously sparky versions here. Tunes like *All The Kids On The Street*, *Sunrise On Sunset*, *Make It To The Party* and a terrific take on *Escape* are fantastic, while *Shotgun* and *Houdini Of Rock And Roll* make their first appearance ever.

A tantalising new album is in the works.



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