

Grateful Dead 5/6/70 M.I.T. Student Union

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Kresge Plaza, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Dancin' in the Streets, China Cat Sunflower > I Know You Rider, Next Time, Morning Dew, Good Lovin' > Drums > Good Lovin', Casey Jones, Saint Stephen > Jam > Not Fade Away

Source: SBD, **Quality:** B-, **Length:** 1:30, **Genealogy:** MR > RR > PGM > DAI
Highlights: Dancin' in the Streets, China Cat Sunflower > I Know You Rider, Morning Dew, Good Lovin'

This was a legendary free concert given on campus during the countrywide protests following the shooting of students at Kent State. This free show, played outside on a cold afternoon in May, preceded the Dead's indoor concert there the following night. The tape quality is generally very good but with a few drops in volume, mostly during "Casey Jones."

Maybe it was the event or maybe it was ~~the~~ the cold weather, but the band does crank out a bit of energy here, with "Dancin' in the Streets" working a good head of (paisley) steam, flowing into a tagline before a return to the verse structure. "China Cat Sunflower" > "I Know You Rider" also features some energetic jamming during the midsection, but the "Morning Dew" is the highlight of the first side of this tape, a chilling subject a timely comment on the reason everyone was gathered there that afternoon. Good bass notes and yet another sensitive Garcia vocal out classic.

"Good Lovin'" suffers a false start, with the band falling apart as Pigpen berates the sound crew for the malfunctioning microphone. Once the problem is solved, they roll into an exceptional version of the song, with Pigpen bellowing out the vocals in between explosions of drums, the guitars circling around Lesh's rattle lines.

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"FREEK WEEKEND"
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RIDAY NIGHT:
 • "Waiting for Godot", by Samuel Becket, at 8:15 p.m. Students \$1.00 Others \$1.50
ATURDAY AFTERNOON:
 • The Eastern Sprinters, crew race on Lake Quinsigamond
ATURDAY NIGHT:
 • Tom Corbett, Fresh and Slight class with, in Albee, at 7:00 p.m.
 • Concert, The Grateful Dead at Fairport Auditorium, WPI, at 8:30 p.m. STUDENTS \$1.00 OTHERS \$1.50
SUNDAY NIGHT:
 • Friday the Thirteenth presents Tony Shorney (classical), Rich Heintzway (jazz), and Sam and Charlie (jazz), at 8:00 p.m.
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Grateful Dead 'in the Streets' outside at MIT, 5/6/70 (photo courtesy of MIT Yearbook)