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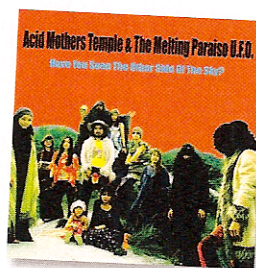
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If any rock band has seen the other side of the sky, it's Acid Mothers Temple. A sound collective in the style of the Grateful Dead, Amon Düül II and Gong, AMT have, on occasion, eclipsed them all. But lately, the group's performances have grown dangerously close to pantomime, while their hyperactive release schedule is immunising the world – and perhaps even themselves – to everything that's wonderful about them. Virtually every AMT release includes an epic cosmic freak-out, and the 30-minute *The Tails Of Solar Sail*

that closes this set is characteristically mind-frying stuff, with guitarist Kawabata Makoto proving again that no one can touch him when it comes to lysergic-driven overload. Elsewhere, though, the preponderance of sloppy stoner ballads sells the band short. Maybe it's time to lay down the bong and have a serious rethink.

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