

## **Cockburn biding his time**

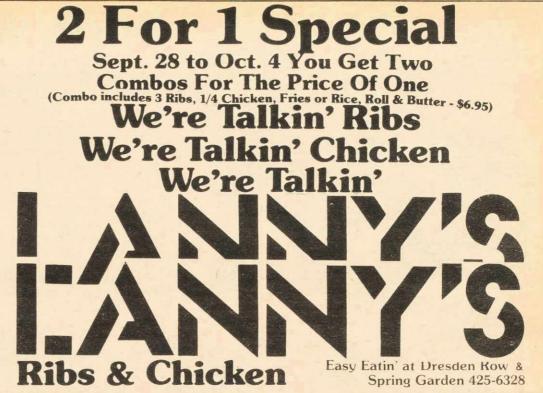
#### by Lawrence Brissenden Review: Bruce Cockburn Mummy Dust

Bruce Cockburn's latest album, **Mummy Dust**, is a hastily thrown together collection of old and previously unreleased material. It is neither a greatest hits nor a "best of" package. Instead, it is a vehicle for Cockburn's new single, "The Coldest Night of the Year". This melodic and commercial pop song, geared for AM radio, is a breakthrough for Cockburn. It is unlike the no-frills folk music which comprises most of the album.

Mummy Dust includes a certified Cockburn classic with the sullen "Loner". This song's lyr-

schieft Loner. This song's lyrics explore the familiar Cockburn themes of love and loneliness, and the music has a subtle, memorable melody. Violinist Hugh Marsh completes the song with a haunting solo.

Taken as a whole, **Mummy Dust** is recommended for diehard fans only. Anyone who enjoyed **Dancing in the Dragon's Jaws** or **Humans** is advised to wait for Cockburn's next release, due this fall. Until then, **Mummy Dust** is just marking time.



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