



DAVID GANS

Solo Electric ● Perfectible Recordings

Despite making a name for himself as a music journalist and host of the nationally syndicated *Grateful Dead Hour* radio show, **David Gans** was first and foremost a musician, beginning his musical career in 1970 performing both solo acoustic gigs as well as playing electric guitar in various Bay Area bands. *Solo Electric* is a bit of a misnomer as Gans plays both souped up electric rock jams and acoustic instrumental fingerpicking tunes on this sonically diverse album. "Shove in the Right Direction>San Rafael Swell" begins like classic Little Feat and then drops into a looped-out jam with Gans quoting phrases from the Dead's "China Cat Sunflower." "Echolalia" would fit in nicely with John Fahey's early work, and lyricist **Robert Hunter** lends a hand on the menacing "Like a Dog." ★ *Andy Tennille*