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BITTER SPRINGS 'My Life As A Dog In A Pigsty' c/w 'The Hospital Run' (Harvey DL005) (download + promo CDs) 26th Apr'10. Their 11th single (since '**Absence Makes The Hair Grow Blonder**' from December 1996) and is typical magnificent **Springs** with this time a nice addition in **Terry Edwards** who generates a fine horn section - '**My Life As A Dog In A Pigsty**' is one of the best ever from the **Springs** with some clever lyrics "I broke up with my fiancée she caught me in bed with Beyoncé - Beyoncé was our dog's name" – wonderful expressive emotional vocals from **Simon Rivers**. Flip '**The Hospital Run**' is a more melancholic outing. Great stuff. Bitter sweet indie singer songwriter pop. (9) (R.C.)

★★★★★ The Bitter Springs 'My Life As A Dog In A Pigsty', 23 April 2010

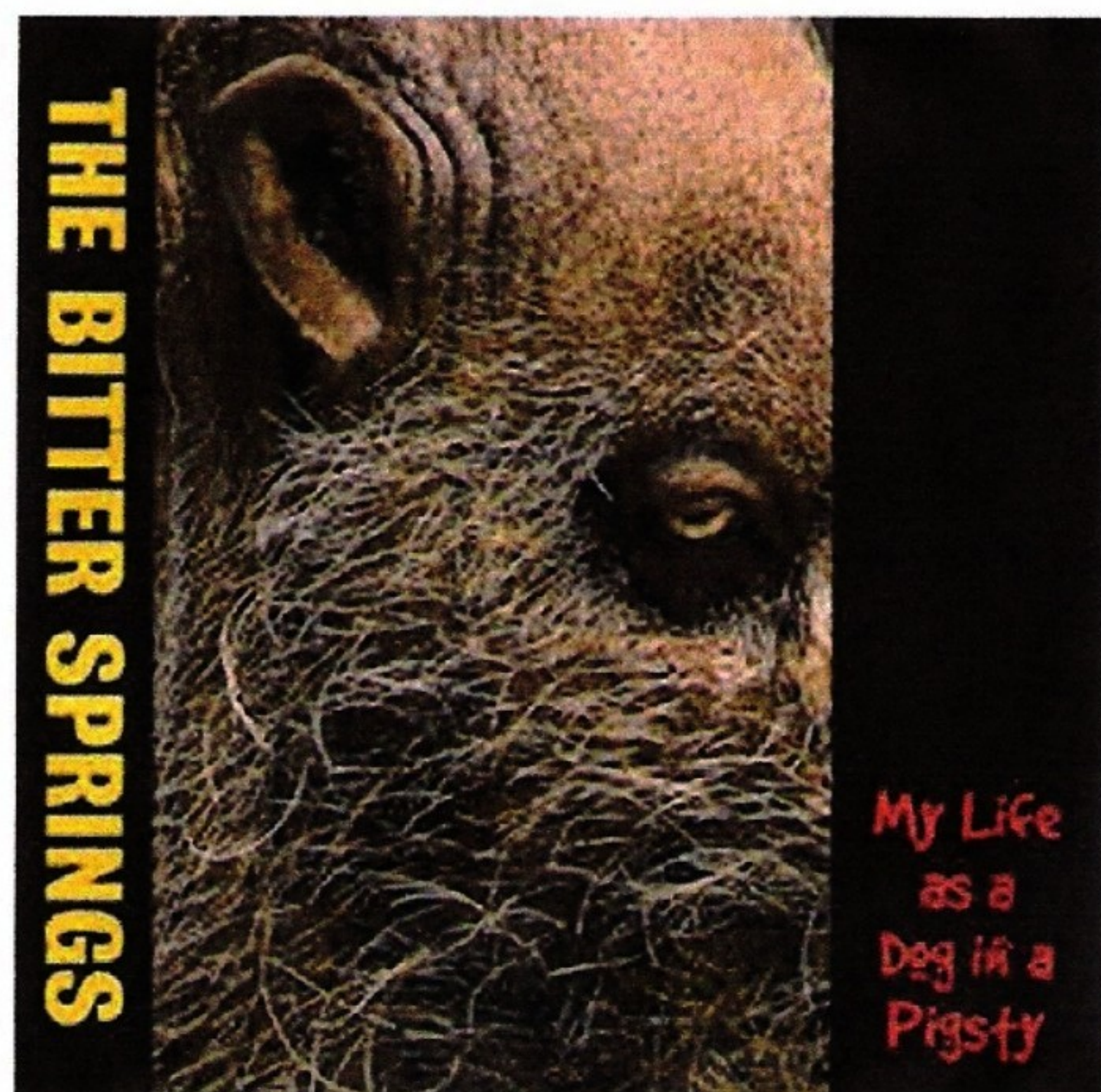
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Bitter Springs - My Life as a Dog in a Pigsty/ The

Hospital Run (Harvey)

The new Bitter Springs single came through the letter box like a healing shaft of spring sunshine. It's a gorgeous, uplifting sound & if there were any justice it'd be blaring out of every radio this summer - it's got that Bacharach/Brian Wilson/"Forever Changes" pure summerpop sound.

The usual group are reinforced to great effect by horn player Terry Edwards (Gallon Drunk, Tindersticks, Robyn Hitchcock etc). Expect to hear this on BBC6music at least!

Naturally, this being Bitter Springs, things aren't always straightforward. I was bouncing along happily on my first listen & then - did he really just sing something about being in love with Beyonce? Hmmm... But it turns out that Beyonce's a dog, & anyone who can write lines like "I broke up with my fiancée/She caught me in bed with Beyonce" is ok by me. It's a quirky tale of loneliness relieved by "an inter species love affair with dark & far-reaching consequences."

The other track, "The Hospital Run" is much slower, & devastatingly beautiful. It really catches the universality of the 'hospital run experience', something we've all done for different reasons at one time or another. The lyrics are inspired by the threatened closure of the A&E & neo-natal departments at nearby Kingston Hospital.

This single will be available for download from Amazon & iTunes from April 26th. It is part of a series of download advance tasters for their next album, which is nearing completion.-

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