



AYALEW MESFIN

MOT AYKERIM

(YOU CAN'T CHEAT DEATH)

- A1. Megen Anchi Hoye (Your Amazing Self)
- A2. Mot Aykerim (You Can't Cheat Death - Alternate Take)
- A3. Weyolachew (I'm Warning You)

- B1. Erikew Sihedu (When Distance Arises)
- B2. Yetizitash Simet (The Feelings Of Your Memory)
- B3. Yedliu Shema (Victory Touch)
- B4. Turi Turi Nafa (Lies And More Lies)

Ayalew Mesfin stands aside the likes of Mulatu Astake, Mahmoud Ahmed, Hailu Mergia and Alemayehu Eshete as a legend of 1970s Ethiopia. Mesfin's music is some of the funkier to arise from this unconquerable East African nation.

Mesfin's recording career, captured in nearly two dozen 7" singles and numerous reel-to-reel tapes, shows the strata of the most fertile decade in Ethiopia's 20th century recording industry, when records were pressed constantly by both independent upstarts and corporate behemoths, even if they were only distributed within the confines of this East African nation.

Though Mesfin was forced underground by the Derg regime that took control of Ethiopia in 1974, he has returned almost 50 years later with this triumphant set albums – the first time that his music has been presented in this form.

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