

THE CLASH'S FORGOTTEN YEARS, 1984-1986



The Clash during a live show, 1985

In its official version, the story of The Clash ends with the firing of lead guitarist Mick Jones in 1983. Though founding members Joe Strummer and Paul Simonon subsequently led a five-piece version of the group until the summer of 1986, it's not a widely known part of their story.

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Strummer and Simonon interview - 1984

Clash's 1984 documentary, *The Rise and Fall of The Clash*, is a historical about the band's rise. In the first movie to shed light on this obscure period, based on interviews with original members Mick Jones and Tony Chiswick, independent members Paul Simonon, Neil Street, and Vince White, former Paul... (text continues)



The Rise and Fall of The Clash trailer

Evaluations of Rhodes' actual contribution to the band vary widely, but most parties agree that Strummer... (text continues)

The documentary makes it clear that Rhodes exploited Strummer and Simonon's resentment of Jones'... (text continues)



Rhodes' screenplay culminated in the recording of *Cut the Grap*, an utterly strange blend of... (text continues)



Cut the Grap side two, track one: 'This is England'



There is a touching moment near the end of *The Rise and Fall of The Clash*. In a moment worthy of... (text continues)

Here's little-known footage of The Clash 2 performing 'Straw Hat Cadillac' at the 1985 Riverside... (text continues)



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