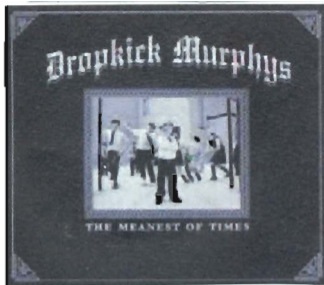


# BOSTON HERALD



## **DROPKICK MURPHYS**

*"The Meanest of Times"*

*(Born & Bred)*

**Grade: A-**

Nobody does Celtic punk better than the Dropkicks. And the Dropkicks have never done it better. Always competent at composing gutter poetry, hard-core jigs and smart, simple political tirades, this sixth full-length go-around ups both the folkie-Irish banjo picking and the breakneck singalongs. From the "If I Should Fall from Grace With God"-inspired opener, "Famous for Nothing," to the bagpipe-fired "Never Forget," there's nary a filler tune. For a political punk tirade circa Bad Religion, find and **download** "Shattered."

— JED GOTTLIEB