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GARY LUCAS (guitar) Gary went on to form Gods And Monsters, which featured Jeff Buckley, and make many well-regarded solo albums. www.garylucas.com.

GARY LUCAS (*Guitar, 1980-1982*): We all carried around little tape recorders. He would whistle something, do the scat thing or get on the instrument and play it. The whistle he'd sometimes wake up in the middle of the night and say "Learn this..." and it would sometimes be pretty tuneless, sometimes it would be more melodic.

GARY LUCAS: Don was lionised, he had more press than ever. He was looked on as a progenitor of punk – if not musically, then at least with its oppositional stance. But it wasn't enough for him. He hated to tour. I remember we were on *Saturday Night Live* and 75 million people saw it.

GARY LUCAS: The title of the record is *Ice Cream For Crow* – like, this is spectacular ice cream, but it's going to be unappreciated by crows. It'll come out, get great reviews and it won't sell any more records. And then what? He just wanted to paint at that point. He had to quit and become Don Van Vliet the painter, thinking that no-one would take him seriously as a painter if he was Captain Beefheart.