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Rsynced - October 26, 2025, 3:14 am

Nirvana - The Man Who Sold The World (MTV Unplugged) - It's NOT UNPLUGGED IMHO

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fregObNcHC8>]

StinkButt420 - October 26, 2025, 7:35 am

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JoshAllen - October 27, 2025, 11:02 am

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Pimping - October 27, 2025, 9:06 pm

Such a classic one of my favorite nirvana songs
lithium is a great song too. I wish there were more grunge artists in the current times

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