

Dear God 'My Own Prison' by Creed is miserable, what the hell is the group's problem? I can see why they were once voted the worst band of the 90s. (Even though I like them). It would be truly shocking if they were voted the best band. That would suggest something has seriously gone wrong. Has the whole Earth got dumped/divorced/whatever? That would be depressing. If so, what will happen to the population? There would be no more children! You can see how disastrous it would be if everyone loved Creed. Creed could very well be a sign of the end all humanity. Think of the headlines - something no man wants to see, especially not sensitive musicians. Technically speaking nuclear warfare would be less dangerous, by that I mean at least you can live in bunkers. Not completely the end of the world, but the green sky may take some getting used to if you have windows. I like green, but again, it suggests something has gone wrong. Anyway, I DO like this music. Interestingly, people often ask what MY problem is. Is there a deep connection there? Who knows. In comparison I like the song 'Hammer Smashed Face' by Cannibal Corpse, but do I like smashing people's faces with hammers? I do not. Far from it, in fact. It's just cruel.

One dark MoP lyric goes 'I'd sell my soul for a dime'. Wow, the singer must be really depressed. But he does know what most people would sell their soul for? Most people ask for all the money in the world, for example. I'm just saying he should really be thinking bigger. Oh. Actually he says 'Sell my pity for a dime'. Whoops. You can see how I made that mistake though. I've never heard that phrase before. I don't even understand it. I mean if he doesn't want to feel sorry for someone because that person's an asshole or whatever, surely he DOESN'T feel sorry for him. Why else think of him as an asshole? I don't feel sorry for assholes. There was this guy who crashed into my car and didn't pay for the repairs. Did I feel sorry for him? Nope. I didn't have to sell my pity. If the singer doesn't want to feel sorry for someone who is a NICE person, that makes HIM the asshole. Another lyric goes 'I gave my last dollar, can I still come to your show?' How did he use money THAT time? Did he buy his pity back? It's never explained. I'd be lying if I said I didn't care, though.

Apparently the album in question was recorded for just \$6,000. It sounds perfectly fine to me. Am I suffering from a rare hearing condition where everything sounds good? If only. For a good few months everything sounded like ass. (Because the wind rushed passed me too much when cycling, even though I wore earplugs - I know that's hard to explain. I tried to clarify things once before, but I don't think I did so adequately. I haven't made a 100% recovery yet, but I'm almost there). I hate to say this, but most better funded releases are surely somewhat wasteful. One such album that really stands out to me is St. Anger by Metallica. The snare drum sound is infamous to put it mildly. On Youtube, it has been compared to 'a tramp hitting a lamppost with his head'. Do tramps hit lampposts in different ways to the rest of the population? Maybe if they're on drugs they do so a little harder, but really I think the difference would be very small. I guess the Youtube commenter wanted to get his point across very clearly. You have to respect that. Either that, or he was just joking.

Let's have a look at the song titles, maybe that would stop me self-plagiarising. Well is saying your hearing sucks more than once self-plagiarising? A bit of a weird form, but I guess it would be in a way. I think. Anyway, we have 'Torn', 'Ode', 'My Own Prison', 'PITY for a Dime' - whoops, 'In America', 'Unforgiven', etc. Some pretty bleak song titles. There are no obvious references to breakups, suggesting my thinking

wasn't 100% earlier, but I think I made a valid point even though it may have come across as a little ridiculous. Despite some of what I've written, I have to come to the defence of Creed, here. Some writers say the band sound like Alice in Chains, too much. I can't really say that I agree. It's like comparing Metallica to Megadeth. Sure the former has an album called 'Kill 'em All' and the latter has one called 'Killing is my Business...' (I'm no hippy, but what happened to peace and love?) but there is more to the groups than making light of murder (which is sick despite my earlier writing :S), they clearly have their own sounds.

Let's pad this review out. Obviously I'm totally against murder as hinted at just now and earlier than that for extra clarification, but if I was about to be given the lethal injection and I was asked what my last words would be, I'd say 'I've killed someone else'. Surely that would buy me some more time as I get investigated? On a lighter note, you could say 'I've buried some treasure.' If THAT doesn't work, you could say you've held someone captive in a secret destination. Only an exceptionally cold person would ignore that. Again, don't get the wrong impression - I haven't been thinking about this kind of stuff 'just in case', it's just morbid curiosity. And I live in England anyway, where there's no death penalty. Just to be clear. Anyway! 8/10! Bye!