

Today I'll be reviewing The Best of Rory Gallagher by you guessed it, Rory Gallagher. Have you ever heard of a best of album by an artist that was actually by someone else? Probably not, so was there any point of saying the best of Rory album was by Rory? Probably not. In comparison, a poor soul in a made up but confusing situation could be like 'The best of Metallica by Dragonforce? Huh.' A real brain scratcher. Agony. He'd continue... 'Hm, are dragons metal? Nope, so that doesn't work. Hang on, I can think of metal things that are forceful though, now I'm getting somewhere. I'm sure I'll find the connection between those two bands soon.' But of course he won't, as I made it up, just now. Just for fun, imagine a best of Slipknot album also by The Spice Girls. A collaboration, I mean. THAT'S a good way to screw with someone. At the end of the day both types of buyers would be disappointed. The Slipknot fans hearing metal Spice would laugh and youngsters just getting into The Spice Girls hearing Knot Spice thinking it's normal would wonder how the pop stars ever achieved any kind of chart success. 'But I thought the Spice Girls sung about girl power! Not about killing people whilst screaming. And that song that has the f bomb every couple of seconds? I never realised songs such as 'Who do you think you are?' could be quite so aggressive... Having so many swear words in 'Say you'll be there' is plain nonsensical...'

Anyway, Slipknot aren't The Spice Girls. Again, if that were the case, no listeners would win apart from only the most eccentric. Nutters, basically. Moving on to what I should have started with, is the Rory album really the best of? As I only own a couple of other albums by the guy, I wouldn't really know, but what I do know is that the best of album features super duper song 'Moonchild'! I really do like that song a lot. Judging by the lyrics, I think it's about asking to marry someone. I'm not saying that because I'm sentimental, I really do think that's what the lyrics are about. If I believed a Slipknot song was about marrying someone, that WOULD make me sentimental and very naive. I'm 101% sure it's not about marrying someone on the moon, never been more sure, I'm also sure 'child' is another way of saying 'sweetie' or whatever so that's fine as well. Unless he THINKS he can marry a woman on the moon because of serious mental illness. If so, it's ok. How about a hug? Ahhhh, apparently a moonchild is someone who has the Cancer star sign. I knew it had a perfectly sane meaning. I'm a moonchild, too. But I don't want to marry Rory. Let him down gently. I know he's dead now, but maybe he'd want to marry me from beyond the grave? See, proof that I have my own mental health struggles, too. There's no shame in it. It's not the kind of thing most people would boast about, but when you get told there are few people like you, it does get to your head.

For whatever reason Rory is often described as 'The blues guitarist you've never heard of.' He's sold 30 millions albums. And how am I writing about him if I've never heard of him? Maybe I've made him up. If so, I would have had to have created his Wikipedia page, as that's where I'm getting some information. That's a mental breakdown to be proud of, most people with schizophrenia simply think people are after them. Not me, I write huge articles I can't remember, make up albums AND complete biographies. THAT'S insanity. Again, it's kind of hard to stay humble when taking that into consideration!! Anyway, that's enough about how special and impressive I am, back to Rory. He has been described as a virtuoso which I don't really agree with, personally I'd just call him 'good'. Yngwie Malmsteen is also called a virtuoso which does make sense from a technique point of you, but famously, Yngwie just plays scales 99% of the time and has no taste. The Wikipedia article I

may or may not have invented said Rory also played in a band called 'Taste'. Believable stuff. If I heard Yngwie played in a band called 'Taste' without any irony?... Well... Huh. Anyway, what score do I give the best of album? If think 8 out of 10 is fair. As I said, only one super song. :(