

Today I'll be reviewing 'Black Gives Way to Blue' by Alice in Chains. That's a positive title, isn't it? I'd rather be in a blue mood than a black one. If you find the band name to be positive on the other hand, I think you're the devil. Unless you think of Alice being chained to a handbag maybe, and the chain is made from paper, that's not too bad. Clearly weird, though. Then again, it's a hell of a vague band name, so who knows, maybe the band do picture someone called Alice being chained to a bag! I guess the embarrassment Alice would feel in such a weird situation could make her blue, I doubt it would cause a black mood. Unless she was going to a job interview maybe, that would be seriously hard to explain. Why am I listening to the album now? Because the sun is out, and therefore that means I'm in a blue mood! Very fitting. Happy music is for grey skies, AiC is for sunny ones, it really is that simple. Changing the subject a little, a grammar warning has come up in my computer, saying 'why am I listening?' should really have been 'why IS I listening?' Does the checker think I want to speak like a gangster? It's the kind of thing Ali G would say! You don't want to talk that way in a job interview either, especially if you're chained to a handbag!

Whilst the title of the album is at least relatively positive in a way which is nice, I think a more fitting title would be 'blue gives way to black' as the music is very dark. Another fitting title would be 'Misery', that's a lot clearer than the original, you can't be miserable in a good or relatively good way. (Can you? No really, can you? I don't know). Some of the song titles are very dark too, for example 'Check My Brain'. No one who is mentally healthy would ever say something like that, it has very disturbing connotations. I mean imagine if someone learned he won the lottery whilst on a fancy holiday. Would such a person ever say 'check my brain' in that scenario? I can't see it. Ok, ok, I guess someone could say that as the situation would be so unbelievable the person could think he was going mad. Fair enough, but most people who want their head checked ARE troubled, you can't deny that. I guess you can be TECHNICALLY troubled slightly by suddenly becoming rich, but not really. 'Private Hell' is more straightforward song title needing no explanation and that can't be applied to the hypothetical man winning the lottery. Unless he really hates money, but if so, why get a lottery ticket? Unless the person likes the thought of wasting a pound every week and doesn't really think he'd ever have a chance of winning. I mean... what a weirdo.

The only Alice in Chains album I don't own is simply called 'Alice in Chains'. Why haven't I bought it? Maybe because it makes the far more friendly image I have of Alice being tied to a bag harder to believe. The way the band name gets repeated by the album says to me Alice in Chains is chained to something more sinister. By that I mean I have the following conversation in my mind: 'I like the band Alice in Chains. Is Alice tied to a bag?' 'No, I've told you, Alice is in Chains!' Do you get what I'm saying? It's hard to explain. What really gets to me is how long Alice has been in chains now. Giving to cancer charities is a worthy cause obviously, but I think someone should buy Alice something nice. I've just researched the meaning of the phrase 'black gives way to blue' and turns out I was right, it has a positive meaning! I'm just excited about that, as I am known for misunderstanding things rather frequently. I'm wondering why the track listing is so morbid though, the only positive one is 'When the Sun Rose Again' but as explained, I don't even like the sun! Song title 'Acid Bubble' is plain terrifying. Anyway, do I like the album? Yeah not bad, 9/10! Bye!