

Today I'll be reviewing 'Finding Beauty in Negative Spaces', by Seether. First up, Seether seem to have a distorted understanding of beauty. You know what I think of when I hear the word beauty? Kittens. Or puppies. Certainly not themes of death and misery. And what's all the distorted riffing about? How's that beautiful? To me they sound angry and dark. I think the album should be called 'Being a Negative Nancy in Negative Spaces', which I think is better. (I like the alliteration). The band name is appropriate, however. It seems it's a made up word, (according to spell checker), but I'm assuming it means 'someone who seethes.' Someone Who Seethes isn't very catchy is it? Seether is an improvement. Well done for sticking it to the system. I like to do that, too. One of the first things I learnt in school was 'don't start a sentence with 'and''. Actually I do that reasonably often. Badass.

Interestingly, the album ends on two cover versions of the SAME song, 'Careless Whisper'. Fittingly, that was perhaps a careless mistake. Well it would be 50% fitting, the second word is meaningless. But given the band's flawed use of language, they should be grateful for the 50%. Only a keen ear would be able to tell the two versions apart, kind of making the album a sonic 'spot the difference' contest. Naturally the novelty wears off very quickly, but if you really like the tune, you don't have to bother pressing the 'back' button on your hifi. Then again, if the thought of pressing such buttons is troubling for you, you either have OCD and a fear of germs, or you're ULTRA lethargic. And if THAT'S the case, I recommend you check out happier music to cheer you up. My God do you need it.

I own another Seether album called 'Poison the Parish'. An unfair title in my opinion, but I guess the band wanted to create a reaction. However, in these days where it's hard to offend, I just think the reaction would be a simple 'why?' Allmusic.com claims it's better than their apparently pretty release, but I think it's a bit boring a lot of the time. And it's not because it's too deep for me to understand like many artists claim when they're backed into a corner, it's because the songwriting's not as good. Plain and simple. I think it's also because the album came later in their career. Everyone knows artists usually start out great at first, then end up sucking. SOMETIMES people grow, like Metallica did for a while until they released Load, Reload, and the God awful St. Anger, but yeah, more often than not, they end up below average in all areas.

So you know what I'm going to do, one of these days? Check out the band's earlier stuff. But I'm not going to stop there. My idea is that it would improve the whole experience if their music is listened to backwards. Not only that, it would give me the chance to spot any hidden Satanic messages. I'm assuming they would be particularly extreme if the band actually advertise themselves as devil-worshipping. Maybe walking backwards would add to the experience, too. 'But why would it do that??' Good point. But why would playing something in reverse reveal secret words? And what kind of secret is able to be discovered THAT easily?? Not exactly enigma level is it? I mean imagine if this was considered a hidden message in wartime 'snamreG eht kcattA'. Anyway, the rating! I think FBINS gets... 8.5/10! Bye!

Actually no... Not bye. Let's pad this out with a funny story. When I was in college, me and my class went on a trip to Birmingham at an event I think was called 'The Guitar Show'. Performing at the place as a special guest was Slayer's Kerry King! However, as I passed him, I didn't realise who he was at the time, (even though I

was a fan of the band and knew exactly what the members looked like :S) so I kind of just looked at him like any other ordinary member of the public. On reflection, I was either looking really cool or just like an idiot. In either case... lolz. I think I also saw super shredder Michael Angelo there, too, but again, I didn't recognise him at the time as I stared at him. (And I was a fan of his, as well. Furthermore a picture of him is on my CD). Chill I know. I'm aware of the fact I sounded a bit out of it back then, and I was. If you think my attention span is poor now, boy would you be surprised. Errr. Bye.