

Sabaton is a Swedish power metal band, and I will be reviewing their apparently best album 'Carolus Rex'. (Does that mean Carol King, i.e. king of the carols? Or even weirder, female singer Carole King?? Yep. That would be odd. Let's check Google translator and see how close I was... Damn. It means 'Charles King'. Well I'm assuming that was a mistake and the internet meant King Charles. Who knows, maybe Sab' screwed up and named their LP 'Charles King'... ?) Apparently Sabaton is a kind of knight's armour. That does fit the lyrics of the band, in that they like the subject of war so much, that's basically all they sing about. (A story about a king is an exception. No, wait that's about sending people to war). However, the upbeat tone of the music sure is unusual. Who's ever heard of a cheerful soldier that goes around killing people? An adrenaline fuelled soldier, fine. A soldier looking forward to the after life makes sense, too, but cheerful? Not so much. It's like 'Hey there, man! Take this! Stabbed him! Great! Now let's kill these guys over here!' I haven't seen too many war movies, but I've never seen that happen before.

After a bit of research, I found the singer once said 'I'm against war. I wish war never existed'. Ok. Why not sing about that, then? It's very easy for someone to get the wrong impression. Sure I joke about running people over, but I point out I'm joking, that's the difference. What Sabaton should do, is sing 'Kill, kill, kill! :D' and THEN say 'but the people who do that are bad!' See, that's clear. I'm just trying to give advice, here. 'But that would be weird!' Not true, you could use a rhyme, as in 'Kill the enemies, now! But if you do so, you're a silly cow'. (I'm sorry if that sounded sexist, but cow was the only insult that rhymed). See, that was musical! All you need to do is try. Anyway, here's another quote from the singer 'Our goal was to show people a vision of food they hadn't seen before'. Huh... That doesn't sound right. I think I've made a mistake, there. Stupid Google. I'll find another one... 'Knowing cats, a lifetime of cats...' No, that can't be right, either. At least I hope not.

Let's dump the quotes idea and move on. Well, this isn't easy as there's little to discuss. Maybe I should talk about war, again? Ohhh, I know why someone could be cheerful when going into battle. Start concentrating, because this is complicated and hard to explain: A medieval soldier who can travel time to this year, gets told by his 15th century general that he will be playing a super realistic video battle game and it will be really fun. The general can travel time, too, hence his knowledge of Playstations, etc. The thing is, the general was LYING and he's sending him to a real medieval battle, and the soldier doesn't know that.' My word is that a strange concept. Worryingly, I think it's the only one that makes sense. Sort yourself out, Sabaton, that was rubbish. Still, I would like you sing about that idea on your upcoming album.

I need one more paragraph... According to Wikipedia, this is the most successful Swedish heavy metal album ever. Sweden, Sweden, Sweden. Come on. You sound like a nation of people who love listening to stories about war, but hate war. I mean the tunes are good, but sing about... well not cats, that would be terrible, maybe just about how fun it is listening to metal. That may sound dumb, but many great acts have done so with much success. Maybe go out and get a hot chocolate and cream and write about that. There's no shame in it. Of course you don't have to be quite so literal, you could write about having a lovely time instead. Write a major key ballad, just do something for flip's sake. On the plus side, there are no ballads on this album! Ballads suck! If I sounded self-contradictory then, I apologise. To be honest,

my analytical abilities aren't as strong as I claimed. But hopefully I've made you think. 8/10. Bye!