

Today I'll be reviewing 'Changes' by indie band Vacations. The guitarist is notable for using quite an excessive amount of the chorus effect on his instrument, and ironically, it never changes. Yep, I'm one of those super annoying people you often find in chat rooms. :) The sound doesn't change on the whole, and ironically again, the band writes fairly typical music for the genre. I like it though. Even so, maybe the album should have been called 'Samey.' The group would really get my respect if that's what they called their act. As far as I'm aware, Sum 41 don't sing about sums OR the number 41, and whilst Blink 182 probably have blinked that many times, they surely haven't all in one go, and that gets to me. Just be honest. Also, Wikipedia says Vacations are indie ROCK. Never in my life have I heard a rock band that doesn't use distortion. The Wikipedia page has changed the band's genre and God knows what else, why is everything wrong? Why has everything been changed? Oh. Right. Maybe the album title does make sense at least in a way. But not completely, you have to give me that. I guess the tone of my review is harsher than it should be as my CD case was delivered cracked. I know right? Of course I can't complain to the person delivering the album as it would be too complicated, time consuming and he wouldn't care, so let's blame the band right? Of course I shouldn't. So I apologise, Vacations.

I'm wondering why the group are called 'Vacations', though. Do you get transported to somewhere else whilst listening to the LP? You do, but if you're listening to music that doesn't take you anywhere at all, either you've gone deaf, or you're being distracted by something completely overwhelming, such as BEEN GIVEN A CRACKED CD!!! Both suck, so for the millionth time ARGH! I know how this is making me look and I don't care. But from now on, maybe I'll drop the subject. Will I though? I doubt it. Furthermore, the place you get taken to isn't particularly interesting, as you guessed it, it's very samey. Having said that, if you get lots of the same pizza would that be so bad? I would say no. I have eaten so much pizza I was very very full, but I just kept on going. Maybe all the confusion is because the band are Australian. As the country is on the other side of the world (let's face it, the wrong side for English people, not in a malicious way, but a directional way) they use language in the wrong way, too. The band are from a place called Newcastle. After checking, there is a castle in the UK city Newcastle, but I'd be absolutely amazed if there was a castle in the Australian city of Newcastle. What kind of madman builds a castle in 1804, the year the city was founded? Modern technology at the time would annihilate it. Just another thing the band got wrong.

Ok, I was wrong. Castle Drogo was built in England in 1930. I'm strongly assuming it wasn't built for military purposes and I'm sorry for implying that all castles were, just now. Even more embarrassingly, turns out actually Newcastle in Australia does have a castle. Don't worry though, I can at least partially redeem myself by rightly mocking the band's record label. It's called 'Human Sounds Records'? Name me one kangaroo, wombat or wallaby that has ever released a record. Of course you get human sounds with Vacations. Yeah, take that. They've also released an album through a label called 'Believe' and also a label called 'No Fun'. It's no surprise it hasn't sold particularly well. People are put off buying watches that are fixed in time of twenty past eight because the hands look sad, so you can understand how people will react to music that admits to being 'no fun'. But BELIEVE it's not fun?? That's a very powerful message. If someone warned you not to buy music, at first you could just say everyone has different tastes, but if the guy followed that response with 'no,

trust me' it would be taken a lot more seriously. It's implied there's something about the music that's wrong emotionally. I on the other hand like 'Changes' so let's give it 8.5/10. (And sorry for mentioning pizza again. If I could stop, I would!!! :S) Bye!