

Today I'll be reviewing the album 'Cat Scratch Fever', by Ted Nugent. As far as I can tell, the title track was dedicated to a crush or something like that. The use of lyrics DO work, but a less skilled writer could have completely crashed and burned. Imagine writing a song about your girlfriend called 'Leprosy.' Only a true genius could pull that off without getting dumped, so genuine respect has to go out to Mr. Nugent. His words 'It's nothing dangerous, I feel no pain' seem to save him. If he said 'I wish this torment was over' again, things wouldn't have went well. A master of language. Well maybe. Having said that, and this is just a theory, but the song could actually be far more literal. The words 'The first time I got it, I was just ten years old, I got it from some kitty next door' make me cat scratch me head. The medical condition IS more likely to affect children. I've Googled it, so you can trust me.

If the lyrics are literal, why isn't CSF dangerous and why doesn't it cause pain? Well, Ted is a macho rock guitarist, so maybe he's trying to sound tough. The lyrics 'I went and see the doctor and he gave me the cure, I think I got it some more' is a particularly macho thing to say. Wow, double disease? Pretty badass. But again, just a theory. As Wikipedia says the condition is somewhat rare, I'm guessing the musician's never had it and is just trying to sound impressive. To be clear, the thing with almost all lyrics, is they can be interpreted in different ways. However, I should point out the following lyrics 'They (cats) know just where to go when they need loving, man, they know I do it for free' is perhaps the wussiest rock lyric I've EVER heard. Once again, it's a song that's hard to make sense of.

Another track on the album 'Fist Fightin' Son of a Gun' is more macho than ever, making his apparent love of petting cats absolutely bizarre. Interestingly, I couldn't find the lyrics on the internet, because 'the artist has decided no to disclose the lyrics for the song.' This guy really is sending mixed messages. What is he embarrassed of and what is he arrogant about?? I hate to confuse you even more, but you might want to Google the album cover of the release in question. Does Ted look like a typical animal lover to you? Interestingly, the album's song 'Death by Misadventure' is immediately followed by 'Live it up', so I doubt the album is a concept one, otherwise I seriously exaggerated the man's talents.

Interestingly again, there's a link you can find on Google, with the heading 'How do you know if you have cat scratch fever?' Surely everyone knows if they bought the album, right? How can you not? Or MAYBE the Google question is referring to the disease? The internet says you'll have fatigue and headaches, but both symptoms can be caused by music and illnesses. Sure 'a bump or blister at the bite or scratch site' suggests the internet IS talking about illnesses, but if you're being creative like Ted Nugent might be, the 'bite or scratch site' could be your ears when they hear, maybe??? Like a metaphor?? Ok, that was really dumb. Please ignore that writing.

In conclusion, is the music any good? I mean that's what matters, right? Let's just ignore all the animal lover theories and that stuff. After all, Ted Nugent is famously fond of hunting, so unless he has some kind of contradictory mental issue, I doubt he TRULY cares about animals, but at the same time, who knows? You know what? I think it's pretty good! I can't comment on the lyrics too much as Ted apparently doesn't want me to, but who cares right? It's about the riffs and melodies, no? Well it is for me, and for that reason, I give the album a solid 8.5/10. Very nice! Byeeee!