

Today, I'll be reviewing 'The Blue Album' by Weezer. I own something like 1,200 to 1,300 albums and is TBA a contender for my elite top 10?? Maybe! My 5th fave album is probably Ten by Pearl Jam, coming in at number four is The Stone Roses, in third is Nine Inch Nails' 'Pretty Hate Machine', second is Hum's 'You'd Prefer an Astronaut' and of course in first is Deftones' 'White Pony'. Good luck shifting THOSE. The Hum album is probably the least well known of the five, I think because of the name. Say you're browsing in a CD shop and you want to try something new and random. Then you see a release called 'You'd Prefer an Astronaut'. Then you subconsciously think to yourself 'Ok, I'll get something else, then.' Next thing you know, you're buying a Lego spaceship. The 'Ten' album and PJ's following album 'Vs' are the only works by the act I TRULY like, but even so, I bought two t-shirts by the band, anyway. Am I a fan of the band or am I a Pearl Jam poser? Tough one. Maybe I should give the other albums more of a try. I bought a Kreator t-shirt because I kinda like their music but I don't exactly love it. Who cares? Well, actually someone once saw my shirt and asked me when they were formed. Like a fool I said 'in the late 80s' but the guy asking me had his mobile phone and said 'no, mid 80s'. Who was the person? Not a stranger or anything like that, that WOULD be weird, just a guy I've known for a while.

Everyone loves The Stone Roses, so I won't comment any more on them, and whilst I wouldn't say everyone loves NIN, they are very popular, so I probably don't need to write about them. But I will anyway. So, the music is melodic and angry at the same time. That's the words 'pretty' and 'hate' explained. As it's mechanical techno styled music, it sounds like a machine, too! But what does Nine Inch Nails mean? Whatever it means, it sounds threatening. Who would you rather meet, someone called 'Ben' or someone called 'Nine Inch Nails?' It's Ben, isn't it. If Nine Inch Nails explained how hateful he (or I guess she) is, you really wouldn't want to be their friend unless you really like DIY maybe. But even so 9 inch nails are huge, imagine building a cupboard out of them, it would look so strange. My point? Change the band name, it isn't cool like you think it is. If I was in a CD shop, I think I'd subconsciously go the artist called 'Ben' instead. The reason I haven't already is because there is no artist simply called 'Ben'. I'd hope, anyway. How arrogant would you have to be to claim the name for yourself and to say no other band can use the name? Because you can't have two artists called Ben can you? Next thing you know, Ben goes Kanye West and shortens his name to 'B', making him own a 26th of the entire English language.

Anyway, about Weezer, I've written enough about Deftones, the latter band name featuring in my email address and all. Long term readers will know my site was once named after the band. Was that appropriate? No in both senses of the word. First up, Deftones have nothing to do with comedy, second me naming myself after them is beyond creepy. In comparison, I wouldn't want any musician to name their band and email address 'Simon Wiedemann.' So Weezer! A pro review of TBA said it has never been topped by Weezer or anyone else! Good for Weezer! However, that does mean I won't bother buying any more of their albums. Joking of course, I'm sure I'll check out all of them at some point in my life. That's only creepy if I change my site to something like 'WiedemannLovesWeezer4eva' but it's too late, I made an agreement saying I can't change my site name again. Don't be scared, I'm completely sure the agreement doesn't ONLY apply to me, after some kind of weird incident on my part, I'm assuming it's too much hassle for anyone to change a site

name.

Now to rate TBA. Obviously it's not getting a perfect 10 as that's for Deftones, so let's give it the still super rare score of 9.9/10! Well I say it's rare, the company may not have anything to do with music, but I'd give Papa John's pizzas 10/10 as well, meaning I almost like Weezer as much as higher end takeaway Italian food! My local curry house is very good as well. However, whilst bingeing on any food will have negative health consequences, the only downside of listening to the same album over and over again in one session is that it will get annoying. For physical health the band get a 10! For mental health however, extreme overuse of the band will give them maybe a 5. The beginning of track 8 'In the Garage' sounds like the theme tune of the most disappointing children's birthday party of all time, but even so, I do actually like it. Interestingly the lyrics admit the band writes stupid songs which sounds terrible and certainly not deserving of a 9.9, especially as the singing is out of tune sometimes as well, but no it is awesome. The following track begins like a Queen song but with out of tune guitars that time around, so should I give a 9.8 instead? No! And bye!