

Who is Jimmy, how does he eat world and why? Those would all be very important questions if 'Jimmy Eat World' were a brutal death metal group, but thank God they are a typical, relatively light rock band. Therefore, we can conclude whoever Jim is, he probably doesn't eat the planet in a malicious way, but instead in the way your typical cow or sheep eats grass, simply to survive. Phew! You know who I wouldn't trust to eat the world? The guys in Mayhem. They'd probably eat it just to be antisocial. I would perhaps even go as far as to say Jimmy/J.E.W. consumes the planet in benevolent methods, as much of their music in their album 'Bleed American' is kind of gentle. Maybe the musicians eat dangerous elements such as Uranium to save those close to it. But they never sing about their heroic deeds, and I find that very admirable.

Whilst they are courageous, my God are they weird. There has to be better ways of cleaning up the environment. Maybe they could collect radioactive substances and donate them to nuclear power plants. I mean, why EAT them? It doesn't make any sense. Oh no! Whilst playing the material in question on my hifi, I've just noticed the band have the lyrics 'I'm finding out cheating gets it faster'. I can only conclude that I was wrong to think the musicians are selfless do-gooders. I actually feel quite foolish. You know what that means? It means that the group COULD actually eat Earth for sinister reasons. Luckily they are only a four piece and have only been around since 1993. Therefore they probably have only destroyed a few tons of our planet at most.

No reason to fear, right? Well, what if the band's fans copy them? Millions of people could end up eating the world. THAT'S a cause for concern. Sure consuming loads of dirt and rocks would be a very unpleasant thing to do, but there will always be the hardcore who are willing to do anything. Just remember that. So what can be done? Luckily, nothing needs to be done by you, as I have prepared an email which I've just sent to the ensemble. It goes like this: 'Jimmy Eat World; how would you like it if I ate your house?' Knowing that the musicians have very little time to themselves due to extensive touring, I kept my message short and to the point. They know what I mean.

Anyway, let's stop talking about their name and analyse some more lyrics. First up, we have something from the album opener, also called 'Bleed American': 'I'm not crazy 'cause I take the right pills everyday'. Excellent, they're not crazy after all. The world is saved. That's good, isn't... Oh no. I've just sent J.E.W. a message saying I should eat their homes. That's not cool, is it? Oh God. No, no, no, wait... They're cheats, they admitted it... Why should I send a message apologising? But what if they call the police? I guess I'll have to send them the following message... 'Sorry, I didn't know you take medication. I suppose I shouldn't eat your house after all. Best wishes, Simon.'

Sorted. Let's just have a look at one more song, and end wrap things up. The song 'A Praise Chorus' has the words 'I'm on my feet. I'm on the floor. I'm good to go'. Is that a reference to eating the ground? No, of course not. The band are sane. Should I check more lyrics to prove their sanity? No, that will drive me insane. What rating do I give 'Bleed American'? 10 out of 10! Now to send one more email, saying how much I enjoy J.E.W.'s music. Bye!