



	 Year released: 2008 Duration: 56:10 Tracks: 13 Genre: Gothic Metal Rating: 3.5/5 Date reviewed: July 27, 2008 Reviewed by: Michel Renaud
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Hailing from Australia, Temujin has two permanent members - Kelly on vocals and keyboards, and Karl Lean on.. well... the rest. :) It's not unusual for Gothic Metal bands to be female-fronted, as is the case here. Kelly's vocals are definitely the highlight of this album - very clear, melodic and melancholy-filled vocals that are both soothing and a little depressing at the same time. The music is rather accessible overall - not all *that* metallic, sometimes sounding more rock than anything else, when it's not simply the kind of music you'd hear on some "relaxing" radio station. A few electronic effects are thrown in here and there. I'm not a big fan of those, but here they fit very well with the music. Still not something I'd want blasting out of my car's speakers though. There are some heavier guitar moments where the music feels like it's springing to life, a very sharp contrast with the more laid back style used through most of the album. The vocals follow suit, kicking it up a notch to accompany the heavier and more metallic music, yet not losing a single bit of melody. I'll say it again, the vocals on the album are top notch.

Gothic Metal fans may appreciate this more than I did, as this is a genre that I listen to only on very rare occasions. *1000 Tears* mixes "relaxation" with depression and has just enough upbeat moments to prevent one from jumping off a bridge. ;) A little too accessible for my taste, but it's well done.

Web site: www.temujinband.com

Track listing:

1. Find Me
2. 1000 Tears
3. So Near
4. Let You Go
5. Spiral
6. Down
7. Blue Jay
8. Taken
9. Sheltered
10. Haunted

11. All Of You
12. Throwing Stones
13. Heart And Soul

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