

Temujin - 1,000 Tears

Review by Shane

Album Details

Temujin - 1,000 Tears
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Song Listing

- 1) Find Me
- 2) 1,000 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



1,000 Tears, by Temujin, is not the normal genre of music that I normally listen to. Even though its not my normal type of music, I could not help but enjoy listening to the CD.

There are 13 tracks on this CD, 12 actual songs and one instrumental, "Spiral". Vocalist/keyboardist Kelly has a hypnotic voice that just draws you in. Her voice and style reminds me of Amy Lee's singing. Bassist Karl Lean sounds just awesome with the bass, and he is quickly becoming one of my favorite bass players. Not only does he play the bass very well, but he does a lot of the drums and guitars throughout the CD as well. He said that a friend came in to do the guitar solos on four songs, otherwise it seems to be him on the guitar for the rest of the CD.

If I had one word to describe many of the songs on this CD, it would be deceptive. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, it is just that a lot of the instrumentals make you expect harder, louder, faster vocals, when you get more laid back singing. Even though the mixture seems a bit odd, the duo pulls it off with style. Karl has some great guitar and bass solos on most of the songs, some of the most notable are on "So Near", "Let You Go", and "All of You".

The CD flows from one song to another smoothly, although a lot of the songs do sound similar. I can listen to the CD in its entirety, but I have to be in the right mood to do so. Normally I prefer to mix the songs in with the rest of the playlist on my Zune.

Overall, I love both Kelly's vocals and Karl's instrumentals, but I would love to hear a little bit more of a variation in Kelly's voice. I think a little bit of anger in some of her songs or a little screaming (not too much) would definitely catch the attention of more people. I will be keeping an eye out for future music that this band puts out; they have a ton of potential for such a new band.

If you are unsure if you will like this band or not, I suggest buying a few songs off of iTunes to get a feel for them before buying their CD (I suggest Throwing Stones, 1,000 Tears, Down, Taken, and/or Blue Jay), or check out their MySpace page www.myspace.com/temujin1 where you can listen to

some of their songs, and they even offer some free downloads at times.

Shane's Picks

- **Throwing Stones** - This is the only song on the CD in which Karl and Kelly sing together, and they make a great duo with vocals. As with all of the other songs on the CD, the instrumentals are unbelievable.
- **Down** - This is one of those deceptive songs, where the instrumentals and the vocals don't quite match, but they do pick up into the song. Overall I just love the vocals in this song. Her voice does seem to vary more on this song than a lot of the other ones.
- **Taken** - This is another great song off of the CD. Kelly changes her vocals up on this CD pretty well and the instrumentals and vocals are just awesome.

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