



**Robin Trower - The Playful Heart (V-12 Records) \*\*\*\*1/2**

**Trower** does not let his guitar down. The recent amount of releases is quite impressive. What's more, the recent albums are really top notch, and easily match any of his classic record. "**The Playful Heart**" is no exception. Trower's tone is still so unique, and the licks are just so laid back, yet relaxing to the mind.

"The Playful Heart" is a monster of a record. The songwriting is very sophisticated, and mature. At the same time, it has the sparks of someone who is just starting a career. And as we know Robin Trower is certainly not someone who is just starting out. This fact perhaps makes the record even more enjoyable, and present Trower as someone who maintained his youthful spirit.

Trower is joined by Davey Pattison on vocals, and it's a really great match. Trower himself is a great vocalist, but Pattison certainly adds a very interesting flavor to the music. All of which combined adds up to a one incredible release.

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