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Fastway: Eat Dog, Eat

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Fastway Eat Dog, Eat (MVD Audio)

Twenty one years after their last album, Fast Eddie Clarke has reunited Fastway and come back swinging. Now fronted by Toby Jepson (ex-Little Angels), the band has released a top-notch hard rock album. Are they breaking new ground? No, definitely not. Are the ties to mid-90s grunge apparent? Yes, most definitely. Still, it's an enjoyable listen and one smartly produced effort.

Jepson does a fine job of channeling Chris Cornell or Layne Stanley, depending on the track. It's his vocal approach that pigeonholes the effort. But don't let that turn you off (or get you all charged up). It is Clarke's guitar playing that draws you in and keeps you listening. His chops are up and he's in fine form throughout. I'm surprised more fuss has not been made about Clarke's licks. He's a force and truly one of the great British guitar players.

The eleven album tracks move quickly through rotation. If you're in need of some hard rock bliss with crunching guitars and a thundering rhythm section, this is the album for you.

Read an interview with Fast Eddie Clarke from Fastway Here:

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