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Rain pulls off a delicate bit of chemistry in a sound that is anything but delicate. Which is to say, the subtle graying of lines between hard rock/metal subgenres is effected with balance and attention to style but the sound is ballsy and bold. Rain's sound is something that might be at home on more than one radio format. There's enough of the vintage 80s hard rock and metal sound to appeal to retrofans, notably in terms of melodic approach and vocal style. But the nuances of modern hard rock (and even a chugging touch of stoner groove - if not amp style) bleed away 80s excess and find a perfectly happy middle ground. The vocals, while touching on earlier styles, are not bound to that, and their certainly not ruthlessly screechy or shrieky. They've got the same balls as the instrumental component - enough grit to feel at home in a modern hard rock fan's collection. It boils down to this simply being a weight-lifting example of heavy metal muscle, brawn in bed with melody, delivered with high energy and rock-steady punch.



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