



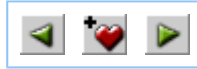
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## **Marillion - Marbles Live**

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One might wonder what the point is in owning a live album replicating the studio concept album from a couple of years before. As anyone who saw the **Marbles Live** DVD could attest, however, the songs from **Marbles**, possibly the finest record in the career of beloved cult progressive rock band Marillion, flourished live. Thus the soundtrack to the DVD concert of the album. Singer Steve Hogarth gives the performance of his life here, his voice torn and frayed at just the right moments, injecting a powerful sense of emotion into the songs without going over the top. His performance of "You're Gone" wrings every last drop of poignancy out of the lyrics, especially his subdued falsetto that concludes the song. The band plays flawlessly, and "Don't Hurt Yourself," "The Invisible Man" and "Neverland" simply shine. American Marillion fans will also enjoy the inclusion of "The Damage," a song from the limited edition 2-CD version of **Marbles** that wasn't released to U.S. shops. The only non-**Marbles** cut is an excellent performance of the epic "Estonia," which isn't on the DVD; alas, great performances of songs that are—specifically "The Uninvited Guest," "Cover My Eyes" and "Between You and Me"—aren't on the CD. Hogarth's stage patter is also eliminated. **Marbles** and Marillion fans will not find this to be an unworthy addition to the canon; newcomers to both are advised to start here.

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