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### Something Else

There's a review in today's Independent by an 'Unemployed traveller' of Marillion's 'Somewhere Else'. Although largely favourable (4 out of 5 stars), it concludes with:

"The more you listen to it, the more you hear the good bits. But you can never completely block out the bad bits, and when it's bad, it's terrible. And this is what's so frustrating: Somewhere Else is just a few dreadful moments short of perfection."

I'm not sure I agree with this. I'm not sure it has any terrible or dreadful bits (including Most Toys) - the problem is it's just very, very bland. As for Steve Rothery being 'the star of the whole album', I find it difficult to remember any fantastic riffs or searing solos.

I did recall, however, that 'The Independent' chose not to review the album when it first came out, which was really disappointing, particularly given some of the crap they've been reviewing lately.

Posted by Commuter at 10:30

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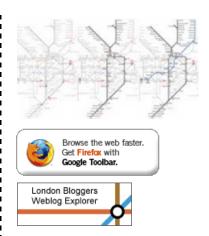
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