

Marillion: Somewhere Else (MC Audio CD, 52:09)

Marillion has been kicking around for a long time (23 years); this is the band's 14th album. Original singer Fish left in 1988 after four albums and was replaced by Steve Hogarth, a former member of The Europeans and a sometime collaborator with Julian Cope and The The. The album was been out since April, but the signature style ballad "Thankyou Whoever You Are" was repleased as a single two weeks ago. It is the album's highlight, along with the ecological song "The Last Century for Man," which offers prayers for the U.S. and U.K. as people "gas up the 4-wheel drive" and continue "usin' up parts of the world we haven't even seen or been to." Other delights are the atmospheric "See It Like a Baby" and the gentle "No Such Thing."

Grade B

- Tom Von Malder

NOTE: Music column, Tom's Picks, runs in The Courier-Gazette, Camden Herald and Republican Journal, then is posted online.