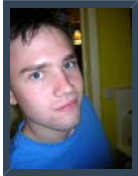


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Marillion - Somewhere Else

What a better place to start the first full blog entry with a review of my favourite band's new album?

Somewhere Else is Marillion's 14th studio album. Whatever you may have heard about this band before (blah Fish blah blah Genesis copy blah blah etc.), forget it. Since former lead singer Fish left the band in 1988, Marillion have done their best to get away from their former image, finally escaping it with 1996's *Afraid of Sunlight*.

Somewhere Else carries on from where their previous album, *Marbles*, left off. Wonderfully modern, soulful soft rock (which at times could be described as indie, or ambient rock). Every member of the band shines through with their performances, and producer Michael Hunter really gives fantastic results on the sound of the album.

Lead single **See it Like a Baby** is essentially about seeing things with a fresh mind. Very much how one should approach Marillion in the modern age. The track has a catchy chorus, and some wonderful work from all musicians.

My favourite cuts on the album are the soulful love song **Thankyou Whoever You Are**, the rocky **Most Toys** (in which singer Steve Hogarth croons "he who dies with the most toys... is still dead", a very apt sentiment!), **The Last Century to Man** (basically saying that if we carry on at our present rate, mankind is screwed, fantastically summed up in the lyrics "God bless America... I mean it. God bless the UK... I mean it. God bless la belle France... I mean it. And God help us all!"), and the wonderfully vulnerable **Faith**. All the tracks on the album are fantastic, but these are the ones that really shine, in my opinion.

If you are going to try out any band this year that you might not otherwise do, then make it Marillion, with this album!

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