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Of the three digipak limited edition re-releases of Flotsam and Jetsam albums I've listened to recently, "Drift" is easily my fave. (The other two were "Cuatro" and "When the Storm Comes Down".) It has stronger vocal work than the other and the whole production just seems tighter. Fresh, sizzling grooves with some meat on their bones provide the drive while the vocals pump out some grit and energy. It's a more polished effort - and also a more personal one. Jason Ward was driven by grief over the loss of his brother, Jeff Ward, via suicide. Jeff had played drums for bands like Ministry, Nine Inch Nails, The Revolting Cocks and Lard. Anyway, there was a lot of catharsis and purging throughout the making of this album and it seems to have pushed the band to a tighter focus. Not that the other two albums were bad - you can find good reviews of both right here at Corazine.com - but this one just hits the bullseye for me. Apparently, it divided fans. Breaks from tradition have a way of doing that in the metal world. Whatever. This is a tight album of tight grooves and tight songwriting. Available through www.musicvideodistributors.com.

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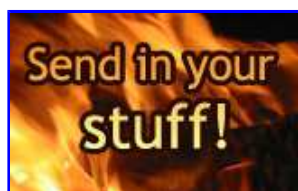
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