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Artist :: Crimson Glory
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It's comical that a progressive rock act like Crimson Glory managed to piss off their diehard supporters with one album it being *Strange and Beautiful*. You see with *Strange and Beautiful* the band changed their image, they went from wearing masks that looked kind of Cylonesque to dropping the appearance and looking like run of the mill long hairs. They didn't end there you see, they also went for a more commercial straight forward Led Zeppelin influenced sound. This of course didn't set well with the folks that had grown used to the band's two previous efforts. Clearly there was some influence by their then label Atlantic Records to sell albums and Crimson Glory obliged. Needles to say the band wasn't ever the same after *Strange and Beautiful*, though it was a well written and executed rock album. Singer Midnight sounds absolutely fantastic singing melodic rock. The standout tracks on *Strange and Beautiful* are: the Zeppelin influenced title track "Strange and Beautiful," the mid-tempo semi-acoustic "Love and Dreams," "The Chant," "Dance on Fire" (see my comments on the title track), "Deep Inside Your Heart," and "Starchamber" this being the only track on this particular album that has any inkling of the old Crimson Glory sound. *Strange and Beautiful* has been out of print for sometime and it has just been re-issued in North America for the first time in years by Metal Mind Productions. If you're looking for a solid rock effort that reeks of 80's excess, but with mature lyrics and stellar musicianship look no further than *Strange and Beautiful*. The word controversial has been used many a time in the metal and rock circles when describing this album, I hardly think so.

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