

**BEHEMOTH** - *And the Forests Dream Eternally* · Metal Mind / MVD

These recordings were my first impression of BEHEMOTH way back in the day, and pretty much the reason I haven't considered myself a big fan until their more recent brutality explosion. Listening in retrospect, I find myself not quite as critical, but the fact is that this material was and is substandard, run-of-the-mill Black Metal-by-the-numbers. Factor in that this was getting released at the same time when bands like ROTTING CHRIST, DISSECTION, IMMORTAL, DARKTHRONE, MARDUK, and even BURZUM were steady putting out masterpieces, and it really pales in comparison. This reissue includes the *Bewitching the Pomerania* demo, which is slightly better, but ain't no fucking *Demigod*. Props to Metal Mind for making this available again, but let me know when *Apostasy* hits the shelves instead. - 6.75 - <Jack>

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