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Harley's War - "Harley's War 2012" CD Review (MVD Audio)



Cro-Mags/Harley's War bassist/vocalist Harley Flanagan posted a new track, "Comfort the Children", to YouTube in late 2008 but little was heard after that. Seemingly out of nowhere, Harley's new disc, *Harley's War 2012* (MVD Audio), hit the streets earlier this month. There isn't much in the way of liner notes with this release so I'm taking some guesses as to the source of this material.

The disc's first five tracks are previously unreleased studio material that feature Ryan Krieger (Drums and Rhythm Guitars), Will Dahl (Rhythm Guitars and Leads), Sean Kilkenny (Rhythm Guitars and Leads) and Rocky George (Lead Guitars). Given this lineup toured with Harley's War in

2007, I'm guessing that the band may have had an unreleased studio session in the can. The songs are a solid mix of NYHC and experimental (almost bordering on black) metal. "Life is a Struggle" and "Comfort the Children" sound like the early Cro-Mags and have "from the streets" lyrical themes. "Extinction", "Purpose of Your Life" and "The End is Drawing Near" are dark-themed metal tracks which include Tibetan Monks "OM", quotes from Floyd Red Crow Westerman and Maha Mantra from His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

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