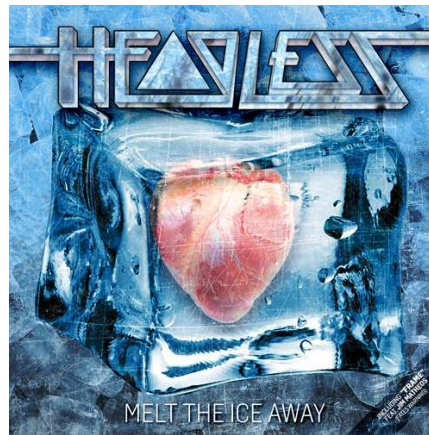


# Metal Only

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Band: Headless (I)  
Genre: Hard Rock  
Label: Mighty Music  
Album Titel: Melt The Ice Away  
Duration: 41:32  
Releasedate: 27.05.2016



Göran Edman, many of you may know him as former lead singer of Yngwie Malmsteen, has placed his creativity in the band Headless and the second album "Melt The Ice Away". The leaflet mentions that the band is a little impressed by Queensryche and for the progressive touch Jim Matheos was taken from Fates Warning for help. A formation which leans on "MY" absolute favorite band and then even the great Jim Matheos joins in, well I am twice as excited .

Unfortunately, my expectations are not met even after multiple run throughs. The album has many ups but also many downs. Every now and then you can spot the Seattle-gods and also the style Matheos', but all in all it is too few.

The disc begins really promising, a nice Guitar Lick which is inspired by the chorus, leads through the song "So much of a Bore". Next is a heavy riff which then merges seamlessly into the first verse. The chorus contains a double bass thunderstorm, as one would expect, sweetened with a nice solo and the first track is finished.

The voice of Mr Edman is pleasant and seems to keep everything under control. Starting already with the second track "God Luck Resize" he lets his snotty voice run free whereby he scores high. The guitar group consisting of Walter Ciancusi and Dario Parente knows how to put itself in the spotlight and plays nice riffs and great solos on this album. Domenico Di Girolamo on bass and Enrico Ciancusi on drums provide the groove and provide the whole thing- as it should be - a beautiful sound base.

What can be regarded as a negative aspect is the fact that no song kicks us off our feet or can excite you. There are many good moments on this output, but none that stay in mind. Also it is easily to hear out the handwriting of Mr. Matheos what saves the score of this album.

Conclusion:

If you take Queensryche as a benchmark, you should not be surprised that your expectations are set high. Headless have published a decent album but unfortunately it is not possible to stand out in the mass of the monthly apparitions by being only "decent". However if you like this US-band, you should check the album out.

Rating: 6,5/10

Recommendation: So Much of a Bore

Weblink: <https://www.headlessofficial.com>

LineUp:

Göran Edman – Vocals  
Walter Ciancusi – Guitars  
Dario Parente – Guitars  
Domenico Di Girolamo – Bass  
Enrico Ciancusi – Drums

Tracklist:

01. So Much Of A Bore
02. Good Luck Resized
03. Melt The Ice Away
04. Frame
05. Shortage
06. A Senseless Roaring Machine
07. Stillness of the Heart
08. Gather Knowledge Gather Wisdom
09. When Dreams & Past Collapse

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