Extreme - III Sides to Every Story (1992)



01 - (Yours) Warheads 02 - (Yours) Rest in peace 03 - (Yours) Politicalamity 04 - (Yours) Color Me Blind 05 - (Yours) Cupid's Dead 06 - (Yours) Peacemaker Die 07 - (Mine) Seven Sundays 08 - (Mine) Tragic Comic 09 - (Mine) Our Father 10 - (Mine) Stop The World 11 - (Mine) God Isn't Dead 12 - (Everything under the sun) Rise 'n shine 13 - (Everything under the sun) Am I ever gonna change 14 - (Everything under the sun) Who cares Bass, Vocals – Patrick Badger Drums, Percussion, Vocals – Paul Geary Guitar, Piano, Keyboards, Percussion, Vocals – Nuno Bettencourt Lead Vocals – Gary Cherone

Extreme's brand of hard rock balanced ambitious, progressive tendencies with catchy melodies owing more to the Beatles than anthemic arena rock; on III Sides to Every Story, the former tends to dominate. The album is divided into three "sides of the story" -- roughly speaking, "Yours" concentrates on politically oriented rockers showing off Nuno Bettencourt's virtuosity; "Mine" leans toward pop songs with warmly romantic sensibilities, plus an occasional philosophical lament; and "The Truth" tries to wrap things up into a coherent whole but dissolves into indigestible prog-rock excess. Thus, the thematic material can be likened to a less focused version of Pornograffitti. The album is wildly uneven, but amidst the indulgences there are some fine songs to be found: "Rest in Peace" displays both Bettencourt's technique and melodicism as a soloist, while "Seven Sundays" continues in their occasional lounge ballad vein, and "Tragic Comic" and "Stop the World" are two more intelligent, wounded-romantic pop gems. ---Steve Huey, AllMusic Review

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