

KEVIN K

BROKEN

THE STORIES BEHIND THE SONGS



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**ALL SONGS BY KEVIN K — JOEY THE CAT MUSIC ASCAP
EXCEPT* BY BATORS/CHROME (WARNER CHAPPELL)**

KEVIN K - VOCALS GUITAR AND BASS

**RECORDED IN A COLD BASEMENT IN HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN IN
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NY PUNK VETERAN KEVIN K HAS PUT HIS SIGNATURE MELODIC-PUNK STYLE ON HOLD — INSTEAD CONJURING UP DARKER SOUNDING INFLUENCES THAT DRAW A DELIBERATE LINE TO HEAVY METAL PIONEERS BLACK SABBATH.

BROKEN SETS A NEW STANDARD FOR VOLUME AND HEAVINESS FOR KEVIN K — THE SONIC CLAMOUR REFLECTING THE BLEAK, DARK, COLD ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE ALBUM WAS RECORDED - A COLD DETROIT BASEMENT DURING ONE OF THE HARSHTEST AMERICAN MID-WEST WINTERS ON RECORD.

RECORDED INTENTIONALLY LOUD FOR MAXIMUM DISTORTION AND EFFECT, BROKEN CHANNELS THE HEAVINESS OF EARLY SABBATH AND BLUE CHEER TO LAND ON A DARK, HEAVY, ACID-ROCK SOUND THAT IS UNLIKE ANYTHING YOU WILL HEAR IN 2023.

DEFIANTLY LO-FI AND WRITTEN USING UNCONVENTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO GIVE ADDED AESTHETIC PURPOSE, BROKEN CONTAINS 12 SUPER-HEAVY SONGS THAT DELVE INTO DOOM METAL TERRITORY — WITH LOW-END FREQUENCIES AND DISTORTION TO CREATE A HEAVY SOUND WITH LYRICS THAT EVOKE A SENSE OF DESPAIR, DREAD AND DOOM. COMMENTARY ON THE MODERN WORLD.

WE'RE ALL BROKEN.....

OF THE SONGS ON **BROKEN**, KEVIN K SAYS, "THESE MIGHT BE THE BEST COLLECTION OF SONGS I'VE EVER DONE. THERE IS A LOT OF EMOTION IN THESE SONGS, SOME CRAZY ARRANGEMENTS AND ODD LYRICS – BUT IT WORKS. ALL THE SONGS HAVE NO LYRICS ABOUT GIRLS OR THE WORD 'YOU'. IT'S VERY HARD TO WRITE LIKE THAT – AND I HAVE NEVER BEFORE WRITTEN SONGS WITH MULTIPLE PARTS, LIKE ON THE SONG 'CATACOMB HEART'.

"THE ALBUM HAS A REALLY DARK HEAVY 'BLACK SABBATH 1970' SOUND. IT MUST BE THE WEATHER HERE IN DETROIT. COLD, DARK, GLOOMY, DEPRESSING, NO SUN. IT FEELS LIKE BERLIN – AND THAT'S COME OUT IN THESE SONGS.

THE MUSIC IS SUPER LOUD AND THERE IS DISTORTION, WHICH I LIKE. THAT GIVES IT THE 1970S FEEL. YET THERE ARE NO DISTORTION PEDALS USED ON THE ALBUM – JUST MY GIBSON MELODY MAKER THROUGH MY FENDER HOT ROD AMP."

2022 MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THE WINTER OF DISCONTENT FOR KEVIN K – YET AS **BROKEN** PROVES, HE HAS TURNED UP THE VOLUME TO MEET ADVERSITY HEAD-ON AND RELEASED THE HEAVIEST ALBUM OF HIS 35-ALBUM CAREER.

BROKEN TAKES THE LISTENER ON A TRIP TO THE PROTOTYPE DAYS OF HEAVY METAL - WITH ADDED DESPERATION TO PROVIDE A CONTEMPORARY EDGE. TURN IT UP LOUD. ADD ALCOHOL.

THE SONGS ON BROKEN

'CATACOMB HEART' IS A MULTI-LAYERED MONSTER AND NOTHING SHORT OF EPIC.

'LOST SEAHORSE' IS AUTO BIOGRAPHICAL. A STORY ABOUT MOVING FROM THE WARM BLUE OCEAN TO A DARK COLD INDUSTRIAL CITY IN THE MID-WEST. A FISH OUT OF WATER.

'THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH' IS A CRUNCHING TRIBUTE TO THE 80'S GOTHIC ROCK SUPERGROUP LED BY STIV BATORS.

'WRONG WAY TO HELL' IS ANOTHER HEAVY DUTY OUTING WITH A KILLER TIME CHANGE. LISTEN OUT FOR THE NOD TO 'SABBATH BLOODY SABBATH'.

'PRAYERS OF LIFE' REFERENCES SONGS THAT HAVE FORMED THE ROCK 'N' ROLL BLUEPRINT TO KEVIN'S LIFE. RAMONES, JOHNNY THUNDERS, THE HEARTBREAKERS, ALICE COOPER, EARLY KISS, SEX PISTOLS, AC/DC, DEAD BOYS – ALL SET TO A KILLER ARRANGEMENT.

'LONELY SOUL' IS HIGHLIGHTED BY RIPPING GUITAR AND THUNDEROUS DRUMS. THIS SHOULD BE IN A TARANTINO MOVIE.

'TRUTH IS THE SWORD' IS A SPEED METAL ADRENALINE RUSH REMINISCENT OF VINTAGE MOTORHEAD.

THERE'S EVEN A BULLDOZING RUN THROUGH THE DEAD BOYS 'CAUGHT WITH THE MEAT IN YOUR MOUTH' FOR ADDED MALEVOLENCE.

TRUTH IS THE SWORD

IF YOU DON'T LEAVE YOUR PAST IN THE PAST
IT WILL END YOUR FUTURE REALLY FAST
LIVE FOR WHAT TODAY HAS TO OFFER
NOT FOR WHAT YESTERDAY TOOK AWAY
TRUTH IS THE SWORD
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TRUTH IS THE SWORD
OF US ALL
MY MIND TORTURES ME SLOWLY
ITS OK TO SOMETIMES FALL APART
CHANGE YOUR MIND BE TRUE TO YOURSELF
TAKE SOME PILLS ITS ALL DOWN HILL
TRUTH IS THE SWORD
TRUTH IS THE SWORD
TRUTH IS THE SWORD
OF US ALL
WHEN I LOOK AT ALL MY WORRIES
WE THE PEOPLE SEEM TO FIND
HOW WERE ALL IN A HURRY
TO COMPLICATE ALL OUR MINDS

THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH

STIV AND JAMES GOING DOWNTOWN
LIVIN ON LIVIN LOST AND FOUND
A RUSSIAN ROULETTE AND TALKING BOUT YOUR DIRTY ARM
HEY BAD GIRL ITS TO LATE TO REPAIR THE HARM
THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH
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THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH
SINGING DANCE WITH ME WITH YOUR ARM IN A SLING
MY GUN CALLED JUSTICE AND TALES OF TWO CITIES THAT FALL
DREAMS AND DESIRES WAS IN YOUR CALL
YOU KNEW THAT TRUTH IS THE SWORD OF US ALL
THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH
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THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH
THE LORDS OF THE NEW CHURCH
HANGING HIMSELF ON STAGE TO JUST SCARE US
BATORS LIFE ENDED WITH A HIT AND RUN RIGHT IN PARIS
NEW CHURCH

STOLE MY HEART

I WAS LIVING IN A PLACE WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE
HAD MY HEAD HUNG LOW BUT THE STARS WERE ALIGNED
THESE DAYS ARE HEAVY WHEN I'M ALL ALONE
LIFE STOLE MY HEART AWAY
STUPID DARK CLOUDS KNOCKING ON MY FRONT DOOR
TURNING BLUE LAYING ON MY CATACOMBS FLOOR
LIFE STOLE MY HEART AWAY
THE SECRETS ARE LOCKED UP INSIDE MY HEAD
I WONDER IF I'LL BE HAPPY WHEN I'M DEAD
LIFE STOLE MY HEART AWAY

WRONG WAY TO HELL

WHATS WRONG IS RIGHT
WHATS UP IS DOWN
NOTHING MAKES SENSE
LITTLE BOY BLUE'S A BIG GIRL NOW
WERE ON THE WRONG WAY TO HELL
THERES A NUCLEAR WAR
IS THIS 1944 ?
THE INSANES IN CHARGE
DEATH IS LOOMING LARGE
WERE ON THE WRONG WAY TO HELL
SEE WHAT YOU DO
DO WHAT YOU SEE
THIS LIFE RIGHT HERE
IS KILLING ME
WERE ON THE WRONG WAY TO HELL
WERE ON THE WRONG WAY TO HELL
WERE ON THE WRONG WAY TO HELL
WERE ON THE HIGHWAY TO HELL

PRAYERS OF LIFE

CHINESE ROCKS BLITZKRIEG BOP
BORN TO LOSE GOT TO CHOOSE
SNIFFING GLUE CALLING ON YOU
OPEN YOUR EYES HALO OF FLIES
THESE ARE MY PRAYERS OF LIFE
BACK IN BLACK STAB YOUR BACK
DETENTION HOME SO ALONE
MISSING YOU AIN'T NOTHING TO DO
DEAD OR ALIVE TUMBLING DICE
THESE ARE MY FAVORITE PRAYERS
UNDER MY WHEELS I GOT A RIGHT
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN CRIME SCENE

ON THE OTHER SIDE

I HATE YOU YOU HATE ME
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT HAS TO BE
ON THE OTHER SIDE
THUNDERS KNEW IT STIV KNEW IT
IT DOESN'T PAY TO TRY AT ALL
ON THE OTHER SIDE
I HAVE HAD IT WITH YOU ALL
I'M SO SICK OF YOUR LIBERAL HORSE SHIT
ON THE OTHER SIDE
LETS RIDE LETS SLIDE LETS GLIDE LETS RIDE

BROKEN

MILLIONS OF TREES IN THIS WORLD ARE ACCIDENTALLY PLANTED BY SQUIRRELS
WHO BURY THEIR NUTS THEN FORGET WHERE THEY HIDE THEM
WERE ALL BROKEN
WERE ALL BROKEN
WERE ALL BROKEN
WERE ALL BROKEN
THAT'S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN
DO GOOD AND FORGET THE MANY CHAPTERS OF MY LIFE
I AM THE POWER OF HEALING AND I'M HEALING MYSELF
WERE ALL BROKEN
WERE ALL BROKEN
WERE ALL BROKEN
WERE ALL BROKEN
THAT'S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

THE LOST SEAHORSE

**IN THE PLAYGROUND OF THE UNIVERSE
UNDER THE SEA THAT'S ME**

THE SEAHORSE

I AM THE SYMBOL OF POWER

I DON'T EAT FLOWER

I SWIM ALL DAY FOR FUN

IN THE WATER COVERED IN SUN

THE LOST SEAHORSE

I HAVE THE HEAD OF A HORSE

I HAVE THE TAIL OF A MONKEY

I CAN CHANGE COLOR

TO SCARE OFF DANGER

AND THAT'S JUST NOT FUN

GET ME OUT OF HERE

IM NOW IN THE SNOW

GET ME TO THE SOUTH

BEFORE I DIE OF COLD

THE LOST SEAHORSE

ADRIFT ON THE ENDLESS SEA

FROM NEW YORK TO SHANTY TOWN

I WONT LOOK DOWN

GET ME BACK TO MY GREY OLD TOWN

THE LOST SEAHORSE

IN HARPER WOODS





**"IT SNOWED THE OTHER DAY. JERRY WAS LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW
THINKING, 'WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING HERE?'"**

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