

# Music Review: Recovery

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On June 21, Marshall Mathers, a.k.a., Eminem, released his long awaited album Recovery. This album is considered to be the follow up of Eminem's album, Relapse: Refill that was released on December 21. Recovery is supposedly Eminem's way to recover from his recent drug abuse that took him in a downward spiral. Throughout this album, most of the songs tie into either drug or physical abuse and some of the songs makes Eminem sound like he has lost his mind or that what he went through was truly terrible.

This album starts off with "Cold Wind Blows," which is a classic Slim Shady song where Eminem is talking about his mother and celebrities such as Michael Vick, Elton John, and Michael J. Fox. The next couple of songs "Talkin' 2 Myself" featuring Kobe, "On Fire", "Won't Back Down" featuring P!nk, and "W.T.P" are all good songs, and none are to repetitive.

"I'm hatin' my reflection, I walk around the house tryin' to fight mirrors, I can't stand what I look like, yeah, I look fat, but what do I care?, The only thing I fear is Hailie, I'm afraid if I close my eyes I might see her." These lyrics come from the song "Going Through Changes," which gives you a clear perception of

how Eminem was so caught up on drugs that he feared letting his daughter see him even in his subconscious. It also showed how drugs are powerful.

"Not Afraid" and "Love The Way You Lie" featuring Rihanna both have been huge radio hits and chart toppers. When Eminem's song "Not Afraid" first came out as a single it was number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 charts were it was number one for fourteen weeks and is now at the number fourteen position on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. "Love The Way You Lie" is currently in the number one position, where it peaked and has been for seven weeks. In "Not Afraid" he is insinuating a promise to his fans that he is not going back to the

place in his life where he needs drugs and that he is not afraid anymore. Both of the songs have great music videos that are related to the lyrics,

Other songs on the album that are suitable for some listeners are "Seduction," "No Love," "Space Bound," "Cinderella Man," "25 To Life," "So Bad," "Almost Famous," "You're Never Over," and "Untitled." The album is an exceptional one, even though some songs are not as creative as they could have been. Overall, Recovery has talented lyrics and thumping beats that make you want to nod your head. It is an album really worth listening to, so I give this album a nine out of ten.

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