Train - Does Led Zeppelin II (2016)

01. Whole Lotta Love (5:31) 02. What Is and What Should Never Be (4:51) 03. The Lemon Song (6:24) 04. Thank You (5:01) 05. Heartbreaker (4:15) 06. Living Loving Maid (She's Just a Woman) (2:41) 07. Ramble On (4:22) 08. Moby Dick (4:24) 09. Bring It On Home (4:26)
Pat Monahan – lead vocals, guitar, tambourine, Jimmy Stafford – lead guitar, ukulele, backing vocals Jerry Becker – rhythm guitar, keyboards, piano, backing vocals Hector Maldonado – bass guitar, percussion, backing vocals Drew Shoals– drums Nikita Houston – backing vocals Sakai Smith – backing vocals

Train's "Does Led Zeppelin II" is a faithful, needless cover of the British band's 1969 classic.

If you walked into a bar and the band played Led Zeppelin like Train does, you might do a double take. Pat Monahan, who got his start in a Led Zep cover band, reaches the Robert Plant notes with less grit and depth of emotion, while the rest of the group clearly knows the album intimately.

Train's renditions are proficient if sterile with some especially feeble backing vocals.

On the bright side, proceeds from "DLZII" will benefit a charity — Family House, offering temporary lodging for families of ill kids being treated at a hospital in San Francisco, the band's hometown.

Listeners may tip their caps to Train and hopefully get motivated to pick up the original release.

After all, some people discovered Frank Zappa on The Monkees' TV show, first heard Chuck Berry and the Ramones on "The Simpsons" and sought out Sam & Dave, Otis Redding or Solomon Burke because of The Blues Brothers.

So if you're feeling charitable, are a Train fan or just curious about how "Heartbreaker," "Whole Lotta Love" or "Ramble On" sound in the hands of the three-time Grammy winners known for "Drops of Jupiter" and "Hey, Soul Sister," this is for you. And only you. ---Pablo Gorondi, salon.com

The band Train — the musical equivalent of an Amtrak food cart selling nothing but saltine crackers and lukewarm water — want people to know they too listened to Led Zeppelin in high school. In fact, the band Train say their brand of generic soft rock was heavily influenced by the howls of Robert Plant, riffs of Jimmy Page, and bass-slapping of John Paul Jones. You can totally hear it in "Drops of Jupiter".

Now, the band Train have announced plans for a full covers album of Led Zeppelin II, with the hope of showing the entire world just how talented Led Zeppelin were, and just how awful the band Train are.

"They are so hard to record, especially when you are trying to get as close a version as you can to the original. The mixes, the time that they put in, it's crazy how great they were as a band. They were virtuosos at what they did," singer Pat Monahan said in a statement. "I would love it if people get a dose of what's hiding underneath Train's songs, our influences, but we basically did this for the fun of it." ---Alex Young, consequenceofsound.net

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