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1. *Ignorance of Man* 04:31 2. *O-Factor* 04:30 3. *Horizontal Hero* 03:31 4. *Shattered Glass* 02:28 5. *Deadly Witchcraft* 03:21 6. *Barbarian* 03:14 7. *Highwayman* 04:39 8. *Chapter 23* 04:15 9. *Electric Soldiers* 04:33 10. *Welcome to the Show* 02:27 11. *Live it Up* 03:48 12. *Time to Kill* 03:33 13. *Dead 'n' Gone* 03:14 14. *The Haunting* 03:43 15. *Under H2O* 03:42 16. *Bite Your Lip* 03:45 17. *The Talisman* 09:59 18. *Black & Blue (1985 Single) (Bonus Track)* 04:01 19. *Fallout (1985 Single) (Bonus Track)* 03:55  
Darren McFarland - Bass Lee Gibson - Drums Jerry Outlaw - Guitars (lead), Vocals Richard W. Elliott IV - Vocals, Guitars, Flute, Bagpipes

This album was pressed only on tape and in 1000 copies (Recorded October 1988 till February 1989) Also Nominated as Best Metal Band (beating Savatage and Iced Earth) at 1990 Tampa Bay Music Awards. In 1990, later that year the band records a 3-songs demo that unfortunately never saw the light. Although the split-up came, the leader Richard Elliot IV together with Blackkout bass Darren McFarland formed the also pioneer band The Last Things that in 1993 released "Circles and Butterflies". ---strappadometalblog.blogspot.com

Back on the tape trading days this LP tape by Florida base Power Progsters was an absolute must. Due to tis original format (tape only) it was easier to be duplicated. You can add the fact that an original copy of the tape was almost impossible to be found and you just have another "classic" collectors item that was spread very quickly among the underground circles of Steel.

Of course the fact that everyone wanted to hear this band was the music that was included in

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the "Ignorance Of Man" LP tape which was an excellent mix of Power and Prog Metal with some Thrash touches here and there. You should not expect any mosh pit soundtrack with songs about beer drinking cause the material of this great band was way to intelligent to be trapped on the Thrash mediocre.

The band is actually expanding their complex and technical songwriting offering some really complex but still inspired Power/Prog Steel and it is the fact that they are adding those haunted melodic elements on the current parts of the songs enforcing them with acoustic / clean guitars flute and violin. It is exactly that moment that you find way to difficult to put this band into a specific genre, so you leave all these behind and you just enjoy the music.

I guess that if we mix together Metal Church, Watchtower and Psychotic Waltz we should have this unique style that Blackkout have delivered. So I guess you already realized that is is something more than a must.

The re issue by Arkeyn Steel Records includes their impossible to find "Black And Blue / Fallout" 7" single form 1985 and of course the complete "Ignorance Of Man" LP tape. everything comes to your hands and ears on new artwork and remastered sound so you can keep this old tape aside and turn the volume even louder to enjoy Florida's absolute Power expressed by Blackkout. ---Countraven, forgotten-scroll.net

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