

Review – Red Light EP by Empire Affaire

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I was sent the new EP Red Light by Empire Affair to review and much pleased I am to review it! Formed in early 2011, the band used to gig as Echo, until a change of personnel and direction birthed Empire Affair.

The EP starts with what is my favourite song from this band, a track called “One of Me”. The song’s style is indie rock and has a great opening intro and good refrain, which is the main hook of the song, which is imbued with much Coldplayesque guitar. There is a nice break into the middle eight. The song is up-tempo, bright and vibrant and lyrically appealing.

The band’s next song is shows them in punk style. Illyria is as well as it’s interesting name, not particularly original in the verse but the quirky chorus makes up for it. Definite hints towards the Sex Pistols and The Clash here. It’s a boppy, upbeat song with a good build up to the chorus. Not something I would be into myself it should prove to be popular nonetheless.

“December”, the third song listed is my second favourite song and here the band show even more influence from bands such as Coldplay and the Kings of Leon. Evocative and emotional the song is lyrically strong with a strong bridge and the introduction of keyboards in the production, which gives the whole song fullness, and power that fits well with the guitars.

Take Me Down is the last song on this EP and again here the band go back to a more punk style. The intro again is good and the song is lively, spirited and energetic. Something that would be good live, more so I think than this recording, personally my least favourite song from the EP, however, a good strong and original song.

The EP is released on iTunes, you can buy it here
<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/album/red-light/id453769746>

Empire Affair are Neil Tallant - Vocals, Jack Woolston - Lead Guitar, Matt Park - Rhythm Guitar, Tom Parrett Bass, Darren Sheppard - Drums.

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