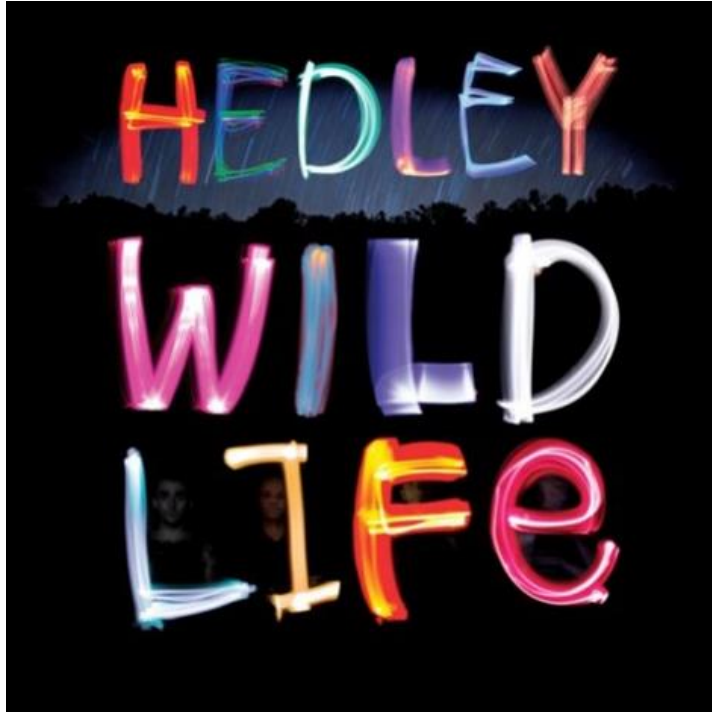


WILD LIFE Album Review By Madi Rozell



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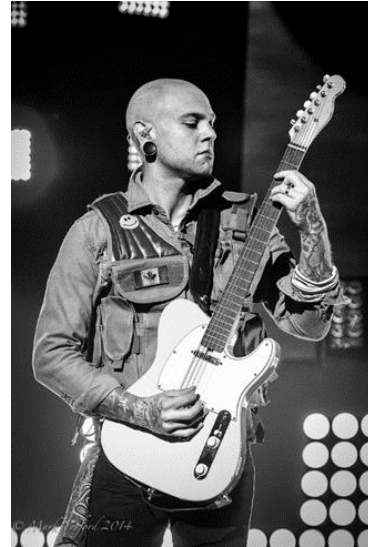
Jacob Hoggard



Chris Crippin



Tommy Mac



Dave Rosin

The Wild Life album is Hedley's fifth album which was released on November, 11, 2013 via Universal Music Canada, and was released on May, 19, 2014 in the US. A year later on March 10 the album was certified platinum by music Canada. The album consists of 11 songs and is 37:23 minutes long. The album sold 80,000 copies in Canada as it is not as well known in the States. The album has received multiple awards, two of them being, the Juno Award for Album of the Year, and Juno Award for Pop Album of the Year. The album then peaked at #4 on the Canadian Album Chart.

The album consisted of 4 singles. First song being "Anything" which was released August 27, 2013, this song also won a MuchMusic award for best music video. The other songs were, "Crazy For You" released January 10, 2014. Followed by "Heaven In Our Headlights" released June 17, 2014. The last single came out on November 18, 2014 with the song "Pocket Full of Dreams".

Lyrics and music video to the album singles:

-**"Anything"** ~ <http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/hedley/anything.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5fLRRklByI>

-**"Crazy For You"** ~ <http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/hedley/crazyforyou.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-8dDS6ntCw>

-**"Heaven In Our Headlights"** ~ <http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/hedley/heaveninourheadlights.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-34MydKt6G4>

-**"Pocket Full of Dreams"** ~ <http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/hedley/pocketfullofdreams.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POQple0-uEU>

My favorite song on the *Wild Life* album is “Anything.” The reasoning behind this is because the song itself is really up tempo, and gets you moving. In parts of the song the voices change from Jakes voice to a little kids voice, to his more chopping voice and then back to his regular voice again. They had also used an instrument called a vocoder in this song. It is an instrument that changes the sound of your voice. Jacob once said that when the band is writing a new song or if they use an instrument that is new to them and they are not 100% sure how it works, that’s when they are the most inspired. The impression that the sing gives to me is that no matter what, you can do anything. Even if you’re scared you will be able to achieve your goals. When no one believes you, just believe in yourself and prove them wrong. Not to mention how in the beginning and the middle of the song Jake has dialogue, which he doesn’t sing and I find that really unique.



Just the overall feeling of the song and the excitement you can here in Jakes voice is astounding, let alone the instruments in the back, it’s just breathtaking. The album as a whole is my favorite out of their 6 albums. I enjoy this album the best because all the songs on the album have such a variety of different meanings, not all of them are sappy love songs. With “Anything” the band is taking a step forward and trying to make everyone feel like they are worth something and they can do anything, hens the name. The 9th song on the album is called “Wild Life.” It’s about how the world can be a dangerous place and how he wants to take the girl he loves and protect her from all the madness and they can be safe together. The last song I’ll talk about is “Headphones.” This song had actually started as Jake just playing the piano and the guitar which he had made into a track on his iPad, which then they produced into a song. The meaning of this song is that music can help you get through hard times in life. “I got problems but I got melodies to solve them.” This is a snippet from the second verse which symbolizes that so what if I have issues, I just plug into my music and that will get me by and put me in a happy place. Overall, this is an amazing album and I would defiantly rate it 5/5 stars.

