



Paul McCartney was born June 18 1942 and is best known for being the bassist, co vocalist and co songwriter for one of the most famous and influential bands of all time, the Beatles. Ram came out in 1971 and was Paul McCartney's second album that he did without the Beatles.

After the Beatles broke up in 1970 they were on less than good terms. It was the belief of the other Beatles that Paul had used their popularity to promote his first solo album, "McCartney" as he had announced it before their breakup had been made public. The anger of the other Beatles was also amplified by the fact that he announced the release date of his solo album to be three weeks before "Let It Be" came out. Paul was seen as a villain after this and moved out to his ranch in rural Scotland to escape the scrutiny.

After his first attempt of a solo album was thrashed by critics and hugely overshadowed by the success of John Lennon's "Plastic Ono Band" and George Harrison's "All Things Must Pass", Paul wanted to create an album that could hold up to those. Then came, "Ram". Paul wrote this album on his ranch in Scotland in collaboration with his wife Linda. Ram is the only album that is credited to both Paul and Linda McCartney. After Paul and Linda had written most of the songs, Paul got the help of many musicians to play the instruments on the album. Many of those musicians would become members of Paul McCartney's next band, "Wings". Many of these songs were inspired by living a simple life out in the country and the happiness he had found with his wife.

Too Many People

Too Many People is the first song on Ram. This is also the song that John Lennon thought was directed at him. John thought that many of the lines in this song were jabs at him and his wife Yoko, but Paul would say in an interview years later that the only line in the song that was a jab at John was the line "too many people preaching practices" which is a reference to John and Yoko's involvement in social issues. Paul basically says they have no authority to preach to people.

Dear Boy

Dear boy is a song written by Paul about his wife Linda's ex boyfriend. Linda's ex had broken up with her, so Paul sang about how gloriously

happy he is with Linda and how the guy didn't recognize what a special person he had found in her.

Uncle Albert/ Admiral Halsey

This song was the biggest hit on Ram by far and received a lot of radio play. If I could compare it to any song it would be Bohemian Rhapsody. This song, like bohemian rhapsody, starts off with a slow section and then moves into a more upbeat high pitched section and finally moves into a more fun kind of weird sound.

Heart Of The Country

Heart of the Country is a slow, very simple guitar tune about Paul seeking a nice quiet home away from the noise, stress and criticism of the city. He talks about wanting a horse, a sheep and a good night sleep. Describing a very simple and quiet life.

Monkberry Moon Delight

Monkberry Moon Delight is my personal favorite song on the album. This song almost sounds like it was written by the Beatles. It is a loud upbeat song filled with nonsense lyrics like "I Am The Walrus" by the beatles. This song also features Paul's screaming vocals like in "Helter

Skelter” and when they did a cover of “Long Tall Sally” by Little Richard.

Rating and Final Thoughts

RAM at the time of its release received very poor reviews from critics and was not received well by fans. Even former Beatle Ringo Starr said “I don't think there's one good song on Ram, Paul's gone strange.” However since then Ram has become much more appreciated and has a great album and is considered McCartney's second best album independent of the Beatles after Band On The Run by Wings. I obviously love this album and would give it an 8.5 out of 10. It incorporates many different styles of music including Rock, pop and some love ballads. It is also often considered one of the first Indie albums.