



## Niche シンドローム Niche syndrome ONE OK ROCK

ONE OK ROCK is a Japanese rock band formed in 2005 and debuted in 2007. They are known for its mix of emo and rock music and impressive live performances. has performed on stages ranging from live houses and summer festivals to the Nippon Budokan. They have signed contracts with labels not only in Japan but also in the U.S., and have toured successfully in the U.S. and Europe.

This album is their fifth since their debut.  
Its highest ranking on Billboard Japan is #3.

**Here are three well-known and popular songs from this album. First Two of these songs are popular among all ages and in all countries. (I like 7 of the 13 songs.)**

The most famous and popular song on the album is "Wherever You Are". This song is not based on the high-tempo motif of rock, but rather, it is a song with a lot of meaning in the text. The song from the album, "Wherever You Are", peaked at #4 on the Billboard Japan Hot and stayed for 89 weeks. This song is about love, and the message is that no matter where you are, I will always be by your side. I am so affected by this song that I no longer feel lonely when I hear it.



However, this is highly emo and honestly not suitable for those who want to ride the high-tempo rhythm. If someone likes Japanese culture, this would be a good way to learn the language.

**'8 out of 10 stars'  *Wherever you are***

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The next song we will introduce is the 完全感覚Dreamer (**Kanzen Kankaku Dreamer.**)

It is a song by ONE OK ROCK and their fourth single. With this album, the band became the first single to reach the top 10 on the Oricon Weekly Chart.

In 2011, it was nominated in the "ROCK Category" of the "SPACE SHOWER MUSIC VIDEO AWARDS" hosted by Space Shower TV.

This song is one of the reasons this band became famous. I have been a fan of this band since the first time I heard this song. I was very impressed by the fact that there is such a high-tempo, cool, and attractive band in Japan.

The song is meant to say, "We will never stop as we are, and we will open up the future with sensible ideas that are not based on logic."

**10 out of 10 stars    *perfect!!***

 ONE OK ROCK 「完全感覚Dreamer」

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The third song is "未完成交響曲"(Mikanseikoukyoukyoku)

The third song is "Unfinished Symphony."

The lyrics, which include the phrase "unfinished, so we are," are often positive and make you feel proud of your own unfinished state. Some of the lyrics include


Unfinished so I am!

We're all incomplete, as long as we live, we'll strive every day, and each time we fall, we'll fall seven times and get up eight times

Everyone is not perfect. Not only myself, but everyone is also incomplete. That is why we get up and live, even if we fall down. It may be easy to be perfect, but I feel like this song is asking if it is fun to be perfect.

This song, more than any other song, shows the feelings of the members who wrote the lyrics. So, this is my personal favorite song. I feel I can live my life with positivity and confidence by listening to it.

If you are unsure of yourself, I suggest you listen to this song.

 未完成交響曲



Photos from a live performance in Indonesia in 2021.



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