

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy



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Kanye West



Kanye West was born June 8th 1977 in Atlanta, Georgia, US. He is a rapper as well as a record producer and he is a very influential person in the music industry. He is also widely regarded by many as having one of the best discographies in music. Kanye started his production career in the 90's but he would start to shine in the 2000's, After working in Roc-A-Fella Records as a producer for some time he eventually got signed as a recording artist In Aug 2002. He would go on to record multiple albums such as The College Dropout and Graduation that have changed the course of hip-hop.

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Family is Kanye's fifth album after The College Dropout, Late Registration, Graduation, and 808's & Heartbreak. This album is considered one of his best and I would say his magnum opus of his albums. Before this album came out, the MTV Video Music Awards were being held -Sept 2009 when a famous incident happened in music history where Kanye West went up on stage and he argued that Beyonce should have gotten the award instead of Taylor Swift. This event immediately alienated Kanye and a lot of people didn't really want to see any music from him anymore. Kanye then took a long break from music to explore fashion and to gather ideas from around the world for his next album - My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy. This album in my opinion can be interpreted as how he was viewed at the time by the media as well as him reflecting on himself.

((Song Tracks))

Dark Fantasy

Gorgeous

POWER

All of the Lights (Interlude)

All of the Lights

Monster

So Appalled

Devil In a New Dress

Runaway

Hell of a Life

Blame Game

Lost in the World

Who Will Survive In America

Dark Fantasy

Dark Fantasy is the first track on the album and it is one of my personal favourites, it does not disappoint at all with its lengthy but great chorus and its lyrics such as:

Sorry for the night demons that still visit me

The plan was to drink until the pain over

But what's worse, the pain or the hangover.

Kanye is trying to mask his problems with alcohol, but he may have to eventually confront his pain and "But what's worse, the pain or the hangover" is him contemplating it.

Overall this song is very solid and it has a very memorable chorus, i will give it a 8.5/10.

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Gorgeous

The next song I want to talk about is Gorgeous; Gorgeous is also one of my favourite songs on this album and it has a captivating chorus, powerful beat, and it's just a great song in general. One of the lyrics i want to go over is:

No more chances, if you blow this, you bogus

I will never ever let you live this down, down, down.

These lyrics are Kanye acknowledging that if he cant make a comeback with this album then his music career could possibly be finished.

I personally really like this song mainly because of the chorus and the distortion, I think this song is worthy of a 9/10 and its also one of my favourite songs from his discography.

POWER

The third song I will discuss is POWER.

POWER is an almost anthem-like song that I really enjoy as it has great energy to it, but it also does not sacrifice its lyricism for its production. It also has a great sample in 21st Century Schizoid Man by King Crimson.

Now this will be a beautiful death -]
|
Im jumping out the window, letting everything go | x3
|
Letting everything go - |

You got the power to let power go?

Kanye is the highest he has ever been in his career; but he believes that there is nowhere but down from here, He is also having a hard time letting go of this high so he considers ending his life.

This is another great song with a great beat and it is another 9/10 from me

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Devil In A New Dress

Devil In A New Dress is the 2nd to last song i'm going to talk about and it is considered as one of his top songs overall. It is a beautiful song that dives into a relationship Kanye has as it spirals down.

I hit the Jamaican spot, at the bar, take a seat

I ordered the jerk, she said you are what you eat, haha

You see, I always loved that sense of humor

But tonight, you should have seen how quiet the room was

The reason why everyone was quiet is that people around him actually find truth in I ordered the jerk, she said you are what you eat. It also represents that their relationship is crumbling

An awesome song following the storyline of this album that progressively gets more awkward, I find this song very endearing with a great sample from Smokey Robinson and it is one of the best on this album, I'm going to give it a 9.5/10

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Runaway

Runaway is what i believe to be the best song on the album. The story of how Kanye has been viewed as and how he sees himself in this album has culminated into this song. It contains a beautiful piano introduction and has great production.

Never was much of a romantic I could never take the intimacy

And I know i did damage 'cause the look in your eyes is killing me

I guess you knew of that advantage 'cause you could blame me for everything

And i don't know how i'ma manage if one day, you just up and leave

Kanye finally starts to self reflect and realises in the process of how much damage he has caused to not only her, but I believe to the people close to him, and even himself.

This song, in all, is superb and I find it to be my favourite work from him. This is an amazing song that I consider to be the best on the album and it deserves its props. Fantastic song and a fantastic way to apologise to everyone; I must give it a 10/10

So that's the end of every track I want to talk about on My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy This album does such a great job of storytelling and conveying a way of how he felt at the time. I think I will give the album a final score of..

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9/10

