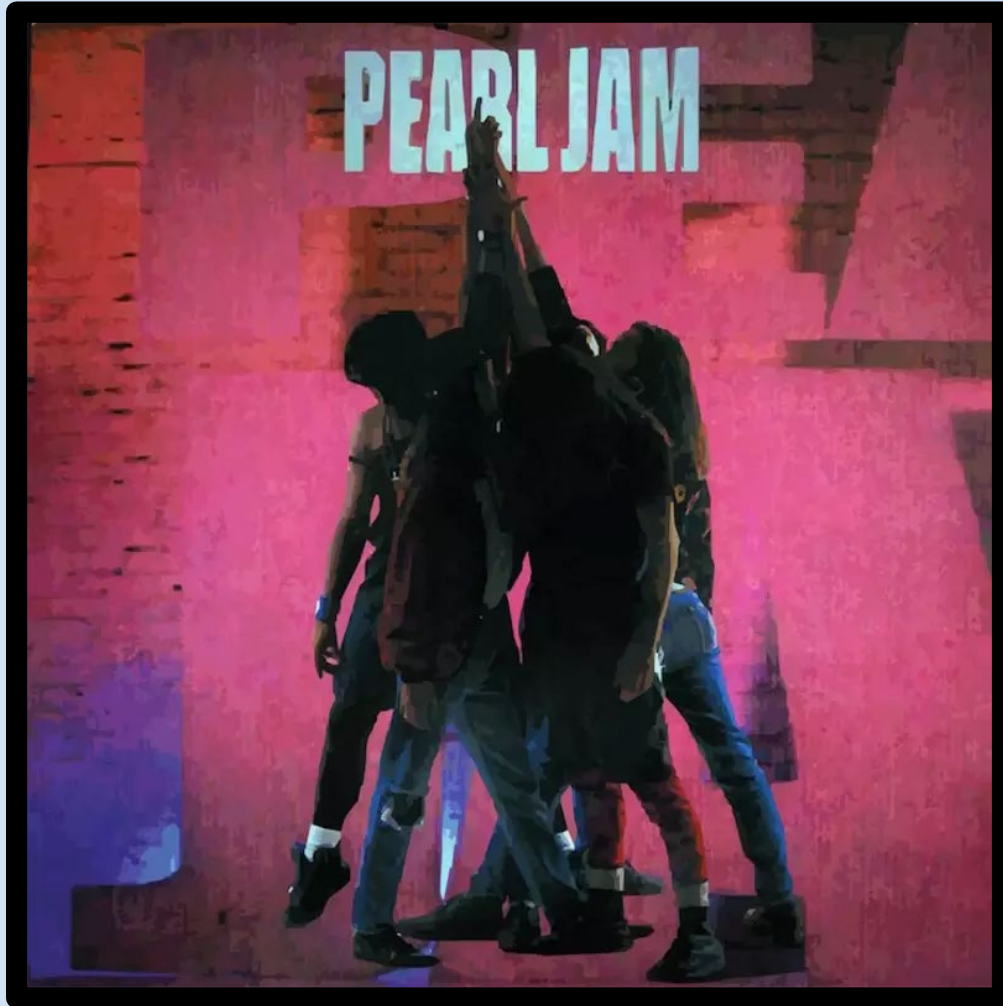


# TEN



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If you don't know this band, Pearl Jam is an American band and was formed in the 1990's.

Pearl was Eddie's grandmother's name; and the jam part came from the creativity and passion towards improvisational jams, which led them to calling themselves "Pearl Jam". This album is from August 27th, 1991. They have sold over 85 million albums worldwide; this album has a whole fanpage called the ten club. They were known for being a grunge styled band, as well as including hard rock. This album has very dark lyrics and had a huge impact on the future music industry. The band genuinely has a way of putting real life in a song and each lyric makes you think of something

new, this album has made me go through spirals of emotions and each song purpose.

- 1 Eddie vedder
- 2 Dave krusen
- 3 Mike McGeady
- 4 Stone Gassword

Those are the band members, each one of them provides a different kind of spark to the band and musical talent. Their music wouldn't sound so perfect without their commitment to each song, one thing I really like to recognize about this band and album is that they equally include each other in each song, with solo's or singing. Mainly just making sure everyone gets to share their talent performing especially in their song "Alive".



The band had some replacements due to unfortunate circumstances, Dave krusen left the band during the album ten because of personal problems.

So then dave abruzeuse played drums for the vitality album and this album was a changing experience, music skills wise and history wise.

Each song in this album is creatively built of true stories and the hard truth they took rock and roll and quite literally mixed history with it. As well as expanded the future generation themes and especially how people view rock and roll. This band's legacy has been popular since they started, they are their own group and never really had to put on a flashy show or outfits to get other people's attention. The one thing that has affected the music industry is that this group was such a different style than all of the money making back groups back then. They had raw emotion into their lyrics and the fact this was their first album and it had so much empathy and information of things people witness in real life.

### Once (3:50)

3.5/5



This song is about a young man descending into violence and ruthless behaviour after a traumatic experience, and once upon a time he could control himself. Eddie got inspiration for this song from a story of a young man who discovers that he was adopted and that his biological dad is a serial killer.

I truly find this song to be really interesting from the start, with the guitars and vocal skills that were instantly thrown at you, Eddie actually did the vocals AND the back up vocals in this song. The tune gives your stomach or tingles in your back because it has such a strong meaning but it wasn't made in a gloomy way. This song is also a

part of the Mamasan trilogy, a series of three songs that explore themes of violence and



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP9rEnv24Q>

*Alive (5:39)*

4/5



This song was originally from a mini opera that Eddie wrote in his early times, it's a part of the Mamasan trilogy with Once and "Footsteps". It wasn't supposed to be an anthem and have such a big effect, but its powerful message resonated with fans, making it one of their most played and known songs. I felt like I was able to sink in along with this song and the instruments. The guitar in this song makes my brain tingle, something about how they sing with such emotion made me be able to just connect with it. Eddie has a very strong voice that carries through the song. During the 2 minute mark through the song he hits a really awesome note that almost just makes you wanna replay it, after theirs the coolest guitar solo done by Mike McCreedy.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qM0zINtulhM>

Even Flow (4:51)

5/5



This song is SO clear and recorded well every time performed, the guitar from the beginning fading into the lyric is almost addicting, when I first listened to this song it actually broke my heart about the back story and meaning put into the lyrics. This song is a popular known song recognizing homeless people and dark and heavy mental health. During a live performance of this song Eddie



Vedder often interacted with the crowd and after these experiences during the tour, he would extend their performance with solos and jams that caught your ear.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huyJ-v2HMDY>

Jeremy (5:17)

3/5



This song is about a high schooler who commits suicide in front of his class mates, it was absolutely heart breaking, it's a commentary on bullying, neglect and the real life issues about mental health. You can genuinely feel the emotion through the interments and the affection in their

voices. The lyrics are telling a story and the more you pay attention you get more information about Jeremy and his story. I really enjoyed the part mentioning family and then not being able to understand his emotions and being able to express himself, everytime i listen to this song I still tear up.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gTfu2Urk0>

Garden (4:58)

4.5/ 5



The song was put together to make the climax of the song way more dramatic  
this song to be about accepting your past and having that opportunity to experience self reliance  
and push your inner strengths moving forward on your own. Especially during the end of the song,

“I will walk, into your garden

But I don't know

I don't know

I don't care

I don't need you for me to live”

I was able to connect to these lyrics because I don't need a certain person to be myself or express myself. The more I reflect on this song and listen to it to try to find more things I notice, I always end up going back to how Eddie sings “walk” and having the guitar in the background, the combo overall almost makes my ears overwhelmed but in a good way.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEV9XgdkPg>

Dep(4:15)





The beginning of the song has the best guitar solo that I've actually heard (in  
 way he stretches his voice the ENTIRE song is so touching, 3 minutes through the song he calms  
 down and as soon as he reaches the chorus he brings it back up. This is one of my favorite songs  
 because it explains but it's like to go through dark times and experience things alone, or even just  
 pondering the idea of suicide. The only thing I can recommend for this song: the first time you listen  
 to it, only be listening to the song and put all of your attention into the rhythm of the song.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiodP45hfU>

This album changed my view on rock and roll when I was a kid and I hope to new listeners that they  
 feel the same way. The legacy of this band has carried on since 1991, the passionate and raw  
 emotion with a dark aesthetic style is still super popular. This band should be more overrated than  
 underrated, they launched the stardom, the theme is continuously about loss and introspection that  
 catches your attention.

