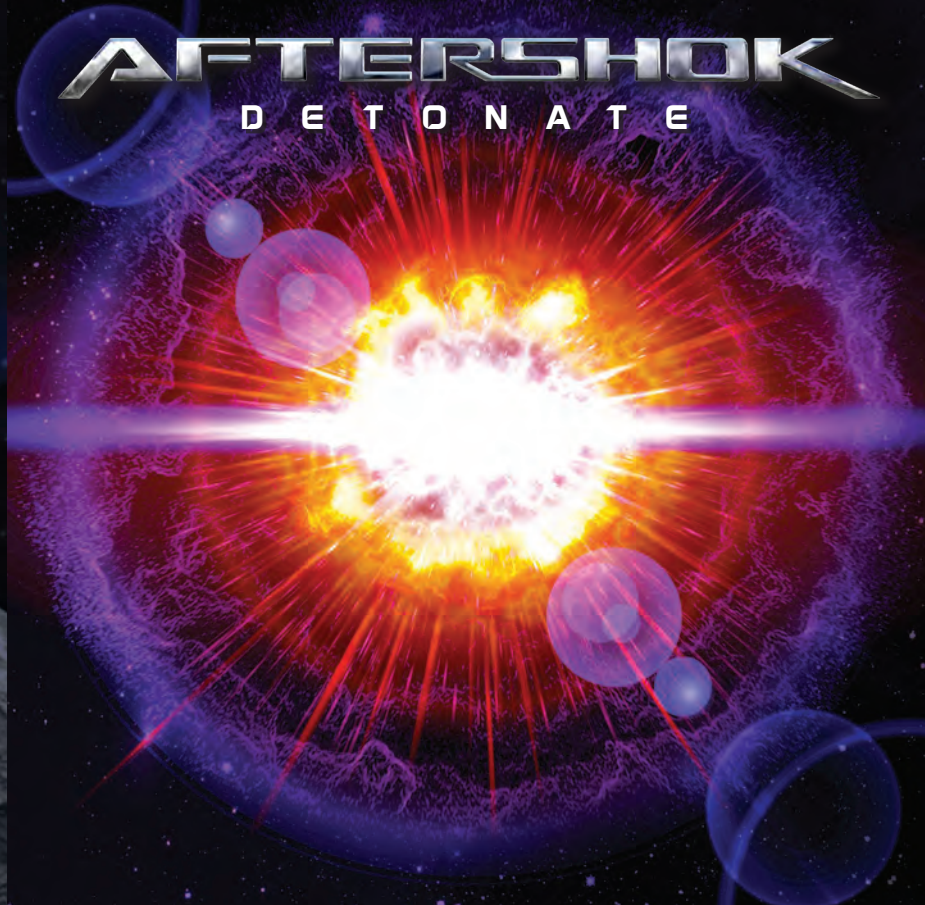




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## PRELUDE TO FEAR

Music: Mihalovich

## ENTER THE DARK

Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich

C'mon ... yeah!

In the corners of your mind  
As you close your eyes you'll find  
There is hidden such a terror blind

Taking shape with yet no form  
Something unforgettably born  
Phantoms tearing at you broken, torn

*Prechorus*  
Twisting, turning  
Mind and body ever yearning  
For the rest that you will never find

*Chorus*  
Enter The Dark  
The walls are closing in  
Enter The Dark  
That's where it all begins

Broken dreams and broken thoughts  
In a downward spiral caught  
Point of no return, you might be lost

Now your hold is waning fast  
Shades and nightmares of the past  
To their power you succumb at last

*Repeat Prechorus / Chorus*

Alright!

*Repeat Prechorus*

*Final Chorus*  
Enter The Dark  
The walls are closing in  
Enter The Dark  
This is where it all begins

Enter The Dark  
Now the demons war within  
Enter The Dark  
Enter ... The Dark

## HANG 'EM HIGH

Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich

Nations in turmoil  
The danger is real  
Too late to learn that we all fell asleep at the wheel

With every hour  
We lose more control  
Honor and justice forgotten – they're bought and they're sold

*Prechorus*  
We are strong  
To take up the fight for the right can't be wrong  
We belong  
So stand up and shout to the sky!

*Chorus*  
Hang 'Em High

Systems are failing  
Complete overload  
Tensions ascending – events are about to explode

Webs of deceit  
And a fabric of lies  
Who can you turn to 'cause they're all just wolves in disguise

*Prechorus*  
We as one  
We'll fight to survive and rebuild what was lost  
And we belong  
So stand up and shout to the sky!

*Repeat Chorus*

High ...

Turn on the action  
The countdown begins  
Hair-trigger standoff – but rest assured nobody wins, yeah

*Prechorus*  
We are strong  
And we belong  
Voices cry  
So stand up and shout to the sky!

*Repeat Chorus*

High ... Hang 'Em High!

## THE WORLD UNITED

Music: Mihalovich  
Melodies and Lyrics: Mihalovich, Sheffroth, Vic Hix

Cry out in anger  
Cry out in fear  
Cry out in your own voice – though no one may hear

Stand up for justice  
Stand up for a change  
Stand up and shout as one – although we scream in vain

*Prechorus*  
Out of the darkness  
Into the light  
Light of a brave new world

*Chorus*  
We are The World United  
United one and all  
We are The World United  
United we won't fall

No more illusion  
No more deceit  
No more hypocrisy – feeding endless greed

Now is the hour  
Now is the key  
Now is the chance to shape a ... a new destiny

*Repeat Prechorus / Chorus*

*Bridge*  
Through the flames I hear the call

Is it a new world after all?  
Is it the time for you and me?  
Have we destroyed the enemy ...

Now ... they've taken all they can  
Gonna make them understand  
As we're fighting to be free  
Do you believe?

One world united  
One chance for peace ... yeah!  
One shot to break the chains – before the madness reigns

*Repeat Prechorus / Chorus*

*Final Chorus*  
We are The World United  
Together one and all  
We are The World United  
Together we won't fall

## FOREVER IN METAL

Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich

Oh, light the flame!

Spread the message far and wide  
The metal nation is alive  
You can hear us screaming in the night ... C'mon!

Metal is a state of mind  
In our purpose unified  
Millions strong we'll never be denied

*Prechorus 1*  
We are the voice of a generation  
We are as one

*Chorus*  
Forever, Forever In Metal

Sailing on this ship of fools  
You can live the life you choose  
Test the limits, breaking all the rules

*Prechorus 2*  
We are the voice of a generation  
We've just begun

#### *Repeat Chorus*

*Bridge*  
Well make no mistake  
Defenders of the faith  
We're the last in line  
We'll burn the ... sky!

Face the challenge tooth and nail  
Never with a thought to fail  
In the end, we always will prevail

#### *Repeat Prechorus 1*

*Final Chorus*  
Forever, Forever In Metal  
Shout it out!  
Forever, Forever In Metal  
Play it loud!

Forever, Forever In Metal  
Shout it out!  
Forever, Forever In Metal

## WHEN THE SHADOWS FALL

*Music: Mihalovich*  
*Melodies and Lyrics: Mihalovich, Sheffroth*  
*Background Vocal Arrangement: Terry Syrek*

Can you feel the fire?  
Can you hear the sound?  
Flames are burning higher  
When the night comes down  
When the night comes down

Starin' down the barrel of a loaded gun  
You realize your hands are tied  
But you're not the only one  
Pray you won't get measured  
By the standards of your faith  
I'm the infidel

Prepare for hell  
I have no time to waste

*Prechorus*  
Waiting for the light to fade away  
As the moon destroys the day

*Chorus*  
When The Shadows Fall  
In the dead of night  
When The Shadows Fall  
Feel it come alive

Your demon eyes, they're nationwide  
Got our hands around your throat  
We feel the need to watch you bleed  
Twisted words on which you choke  
We're on the inside ready (Ready!)  
We're outside lookin' in (Yeah!)  
This metal rain, you'll feel the pain  
You end as we begin

#### *Repeat Prechorus / Chorus*

Oh, beware of the shadows in your soul  
Beware of the shadows

## FRIEND OR FOE

*Music: Mihalovich*  
*Melodies and Lyrics: Mihalovich, Sheffroth*

Any day you're my enemy  
Then you know you're mine  
Choose your side – all the same to me  
It's your suicide

Take the power, break your will  
Back you to the wall  
Do you think you can make your point  
Before the hammer falls?

*Prechorus*  
I've known the rage of angels  
And heard the spirits cry  
You've seen the warning signs  
It's time to decide

*Chorus*  
Friend Or Foe  
I need to know  
Are you Friend Or Foe  
I need to know

Are you friend, Friend Or Foe?  
Are you friend, Friend Or Foe?

Comin' on like a hurricane  
Using deadly force  
In the end, now you're gonna see  
I'll even up the score

Into havoc, gods of war  
Raise their battle cry  
When you've taken up the sword  
By the sword you'll die

*Prechorus*  
Armed with the spear of Ares  
Upon the Furies' ride  
If you believe the omens  
Vengeance is mine

#### *Repeat Chorus*

*Bridge*  
If you're not my enemy  
Then where did I go wrong?  
With you as my enemy  
The battle is won

If you're not my enemy  
And the war rages on  
Somewhere inside of me  
We'll get along

Tear it down, just to watch it fall  
Cut you down to size  
To their peril, fools rush in  
Unto their demise

*Prechorus*  
I've heard the song of Sirens  
Upon the winds divine  
And when the war is over  
Quarter denied

#### *Repeat Chorus*

I don't wanna  
Believe we're near the end  
Don't wanna  
Play that part again  
Don't wanna  
Tell me what is it worth?

## IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

*Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich*

Emotion  
Devotion  
Just words to justify  
Redemption  
Salvation  
Am I to testify?

As I wait in silence  
Clouds they gather, slowly turn to gray  
And I feel I'm falling  
Don't know how I ever lost my way

*Prechorus*  
Will I see the light in time?  
Will I find the answers written in the sky?

*Chorus*  
Storm  
In The Eye Of The Storm  
In the eye of the ...

Temptation  
Elation  
Are only hope denied  
Denial  
Reprisal  
Just serve to vilify



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**GEORGE BORDEN**  
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**GORD SHEFFROTH**  
Lead and Backing Vocals

Within a tempest raging  
Thunder crashes, wind cuts like a knife  
In my heart of darkness  
Lightning blazes under blood red skies

*Prechorus*  
It's a moment caught in time  
With the sun arriving like a thought sublime

*Chorus*  
I'm In The Eye Of The Storm  
In The Eye Of The Storm

*Bridge*  
Soul's desire  
Reaching higher  
New tomorrow  
End of sorrow, ride the storm

*Prechorus*  
Will I see the light in time?  
Will I find the answers written in the skies?

*Chorus*  
Storm  
In The Eye Of The Storm

Feel it comin', feel it comin'

## THE HUNGER

*Music: Mihalovich • Melodies: Sheffroth*  
*Lyrics: Mihalovich, Sheffroth*

I recall ...  
Everything about you in my heart ... is flawed  
Falling down on me ...  
Yeah, yeah!

Take what you can get from me  
And run away as fast as you can  
I can't seem to tear you from my heart  
No matter how I try

*Prechorus 1*  
All this time I've wondered  
What you saw in me  
Too blind to see it, honestly ...

*Chorus*  
Is it your touch?  
That holds me under  
That keeps me down  
Is it enough?  
To feed The Hunger

I'm tired of all the dreams that you've burnt down  
You've burnt down ... yeah!

I'm standing on my feet, my friend  
I won't be fooled again and again  
Never want to see you in the end – no way

*Repeat Prechorus 1 / Chorus*

I licked my wounds and dug right in  
I never felt the touch of sin  
I'll never be left standing in the rain – no way

*Prechorus 2*  
Down this road I've wandered  
Lost in your disease  
Now the table's turning and my heart it bleeds

*Repeat Chorus*

Tired of all these dreams  
Dreams that you've burnt down

## READY TO ROCK

*Vocal Intro: Sheffroth*  
*Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich*

*Intro*  
Are You Ready? I think I'm ready  
Are You Ready? The people are ready  
Are You Ready? Everybody steady now  
Are You Ready? Gotta keep it all together now  
Are You Ready? Everybody ready  
Are You Ready? I'm ready, I'm ready  
Are You Ready? Gotta keep it real steady now  
Are You Ready? Let's get Ready To Rock!

Power of the night is rising  
Soon it's all around  
Then the clock strikes hour of midnight  
As the lights go down

The music tears with cold precision  
Everything's on ten  
Electric hellions scream rebellion  
Defiant 'til the end

*Prechorus*  
Dare to cross the line  
Time to open fire

*Chorus*  
Are You Ready? Are you ready  
Are You Ready? Time to burn  
Are You Ready? Are you ready  
Are You Ready? No return  
Are You Ready? Are you ready  
Are You Ready? To the top  
Are You Ready? Are you ready  
Are You Ready? Are you Ready To Rock

Ready To Rock

Bring the fire and the fury  
Waves of light and sound  
A deadly force is in control  
Tearin' the house down

*Prechorus*  
Straight into the black  
Waiting to attack

*Repeat Chorus*

Get ready to ...  
Get Ready To Rock!

Let the music take you higher  
Caught up in its spell  
Comin' at you all guns blazing  
Gonna raise some hell

*Prechorus*  
Dare to cross the line  
Balanced now on the edge of a razor  
Time to open fire

*Repeat Chorus*

Well are you Ready To Rock  
(Are you Ready To Rock?)  
Well are you Ready To Rock  
(Are you Ready To Rock?)  
Well are you ready ...

## UNDER THE GUN

*Music: Mihalovich*  
*Melodies and Lyrics: Mihalovich, Sheffroth*

World of confusion, it seems that we're living to die  
Oppression, violence and nothing is stemming the tide  
Just turn away when we don't want to face what we see  
No one to blame and it's only ourselves we deceive

*Prechorus*  
Sinking fast  
There's no way we'll last  
We're already gone

*Chorus*  
Under The Gun  
Under The Gun  
Under The Gun  
The damage is done

No tomorrows if we only live for today  
Present and future will both disappear in a haze  
Watch it happen, a symptom of our own disease  
Faceless, soulless and empty – just slaves to the screen

*Prechorus*  
Can it last?  
We'll all fade to black  
Fall down on your knees

*Repeat Chorus*

### *Bridge*

We decide alone in the dark  
How to play out our part  
Erase the past – and somehow hold fast  
As we run out of time!

Absolution – a word  
That's fallen to the wayside  
Can we give it one more try?  
Constitution is full  
Of words we can't believe in  
Can we live before we die?

### *Prechorus*

We're sinking fast  
There's no way we'll last  
We are already gone

### *Final Chorus*

Under The Gun  
The damage is done  
Under The Gun  
Under The Gun

Under The Gun  
We're Under The Gun  
Under The Gun  
Under The Gun

## **RISE**

*Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich  
Additional Melodies: Sheffroth*

Through the days, and through the years  
Joy and sorrow's bitter tears  
The spirit sings a dark refrain to no reply

What we hold, and what we've lost  
The scars we bear – they are the cost  
Of who we've been, and who we'll be upon this stage

### *Prechorus 1*

All leads to one  
And keep holding on  
Will you find the strength to ...

### *Chorus*

Rise  
So this moment you won't deny  
Cast your doubt aside to Rise  
Through the power that lives inside  
Just take the chance and Rise

The inner voice that drives us on  
Will you heed the Sirens' song?  
The currents of the sea of fate can save or drown

So find your path – and never veer  
All the answers will come clear  
From the ashes, you will rise to carry on

### *Prechorus 2*

Put to the test  
Never to rest  
Will you find the strength to ...

### *Chorus*

Rise  
So this moment you won't deny  
Cast your fear aside to Rise  
Through the power that lives inside  
Just take the chance and Rise

Now it's time to Rise ... and you're never to fall

### *Repeat Prechorus 2*

### *Final Chorus*

Rise  
Through the power that lives inside  
Cast your fear aside to Rise  
So this moment you won't deny  
Just take the chance and Rise ...

To the heights of the earth and sky  
Cast your fear aside to Rise  
Through the power that lives inside  
Just take the chance and Rise ... Rise!

## **CITIES ON FIRE**

*Music and Lyrics: Mihalovich*

Sirens screaming  
Engines whine  
As lightning flashes across the sky  
All you've lived for, all you've known  
Disappears – blown to kingdom come

The war machines  
A thousand screams  
The fading light  
Eternal night

### *Prechorus*

We've got to know  
That there's a reason for this fight  
We've got to know that there's a way  
To make it right

### *Chorus*

Cities On Fire

Priests and witches  
Jackals, thieves  
On the backs of the weak they feed  
Sell your soul man, it's all for kicks  
Liar's club – it's a power trip

No turning back  
Assault attack  
Can't stem the tide  
Of genocide

### *Repeat Prechorus / Chorus*

Raise your flag now  
Fly it high  
Today you live, but tomorrow die  
God and country – up in smoke  
Talk of peace is a killing joke

A sudden strike  
Cuts like a knife  
Sin after sin  
And no one wins

### *Repeat Prechorus / Chorus / Verses*

Cities On Fire!

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