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More places to buy UTOPIA music online Review by corbet PROG REVIEWER For several reasons, this album seeks to dodg the radar of the average prog fan of a classic album. First of all, Todd Rundgren is a pop guy, right? These things aren't prog, are they? Wrong. This is one of the most decorated prog albums of all time (definitely in the literal sense - this album defines what prog is). People take drugs, people change -- Todd pop guy's gone for a while, and here we get Todd prog mastermind. It's not that weird. The second is that this setup only existed for this one recording, which means that if you buy any other utopian album, it's a different Utopia than this utopia. There are some phenomenal albums of other Utopias, but I'm not going to make any fuss about them at all to the point where I'm going to get here, around this album. And the possible third reason is that these guys are from America, not Europe. Who pays attention to American prog bands? Anyway, all these reasons add up to one huge joke about musical humanity, because this is one of the few best albums ever made by anyone. Some stats for you: Utopia is 6 pieces, including no less than 3 keyboard players. Except for one, the songs are all long - one of them is really long. Do you like psychedelic burping synthesizers? High energy, ring-modulated keyboards solo? How about hyperactive crunchy drums, scorching guitar solos (some of the absolute best ever) and sumptuous vocal harmonies? Everything we need is here, in spades. IKON is 30 minutes long and is one of the few true epic masterpieces (think Yes and ELP) that have emerged from the genre. If you don't like prolonged soloing or self-deprecation, you'd better turn around! There's nothing here but the cleanest things, so if you're not unusually adventurous for a Genesis fan, you'd better save money. I look forward patiently to the day when music is being done again, which even remotely approaches the grandeur of IKON. Daveconn PROG REVIEWER'S review It's not substantial to let FRANK ZAPPA have fun, TODD RUNDGREN surrounded himself with a quintet of musicians (including three keyboard players!), called Todd Rundgren's Utopia venture, and released an album of progressive rock that sought to let the singer/guitarist run wild beyond the confines of a short-form song. During the album, however, you'll be reminded that RUNDGREN is at its best when it's reined in - despite some fascinating moments, the instrumental sections just don't win over the way ZAPPA did. ROGER POWELL (billed here as M. FROG LABAT) takes center stage with some nice results, creating oases of peace with his synthesizers, but Utopia shides GEORGE DUKE or RUTH UNDERWOOD very much to maintain intensity when RUNDGREN steps down. What listeners can take from this are isolated moments that sound like they could have been made into good songs, most of which take place at Freak Parade and The Ikon. Frankly, Todd's voice has never matched progressive rock, and sometimes seems to be surpassed by the progressive rock potential for epic songwriting. For example, Freedom Fighters discover that Rundgren retreats into the comfort of a short song. Compared to YES, ELP and ZAPPA music, UTOPIA is little more than stopping a truck between pop and pomp. As much as individual sections show that Utopia may have some right to art rock, there are moments like off-key vocals at Utopia's Theme or trite keyboard solos on The Ikon that will send you running after the real thing. Review proghead PROG REVIEWER Now it's something surprising. Todd Rundgren, for the most part, recorded pop rock and gave us the occasional hit like Hello, It's Me, It Wouldn't Made Any Difference, I Saw the Light, We've Gotta Get You a Woman, etc. But then he noticed that bands like Yes, ELP, King Crimson, etc., were doing some really elaborate albums and that they were pretty successful at it, so he jumped into the prog rock bandwagon with UTOPIA. This is the original UTOPIA, as six pieces, with Rudgren, three keyboard players (Frenchman Jean Yves M. Frog Labat, Moogy Klingman and Ralph Schuckett), bassist John Siegler and drummer Kevin Ellman. I don't know the backgrounds of many of these musicians, except M. Frog and Ralph Schuckett. M. Frog was strange because he spent his youth in a monastery in France, but he wanted to continue his career in the avant-garde class (in the vein of Stockhausen, etc.) and rock and roll. He eventually came to America and got his hold of the EMS synthesizer, and released a bizarre album of electronic and prog rock in 1973 on the Bearsville label (the same label as Rundgren/Utopia, although that album predates Utopia). Some sources mistakenly say that M. Frog was Roger Powell, which is incorrect (although Powell also released a solo album before Utopia in 1973 called Cosmic Furnace, it doesn't sound like an M. Frog Labat album from the same time). Powell replaced Labat. Ralph Schuckett was a session musician, and he even played keyboards for Carole King (including her highly acclaimed classical tapestry - it's so weird to see a guy playing for an easy-listening singer/songwriter act and then entering the world of prog rock). When Todd Rundgren's Utopia was published in the fall of 1974. Rock critics were quick to chop up this album, accusing it of being pretentious, pompous, overindulgant etc (but then it was 1974, and such bands that once had some respect from critics like YES and JETHRO TULL began releasing albums that may have pleased fans, but hardly critics - like Tales From Topographic Oceans and A Play Passion). With the exception of the very short Freedom Fighters, no music is under 10 minutes The music is all incredibly complex, with extended solos, different keyboards (EMS synthesizers, electric pianos, pianos, etc.). You can see this with the opening piece, Utopia, which was recorded live in Atlanta, giving the audience an announcement of UTOPIA's sound. The rest is a study effort. Freak Parade is a wackier number, I can't help but think of a little GENTLE GIANT (another prog rock band that rock critics hated, for the most part, but gets a lot of respect, for good reason, in the prog community). Freedom Fighters is the shortest piece, and I guess Rundgren needed a piece that would do well on the radio. So it ends up sounding like something you did on your solo efforts. Then the album ends with The Ikon, which literally clocks for more than 30 minutes (before I bought this LP, I never thought that much music could be

crammed to one side, but that's true). This is, as you expect early UTOPIA. Different themes, changes, some tedious passages that seem to exist show each member's instruments, in short, prog rock at its most extreme and exaggerated. Of course the critics didn't like this album, but it still sold pretty well (meaning that at the time, many people simply ignored the critics of ROLLING STONE and CREEM - because many thought the critics didn't know they were talking about, and they should have kept to the albums they know and as before, such as The VELVET UNDERGROUND & NICO, or Van MORRISON's Astral Weeks - is not to criticize those albums. , only mainstream rock critics adored these albums while hitting prog rock in general). Obviously, if you're looking for a more pop-oriented Rundgren (in the vein I saw the light, it wouldn't make any difference and Hello, it's me), look elsewhere. If you want Rundgren on his more prog rock overkill, this album is worth checking in. Review by slipperman PROG REVIEWER THE ULTIMATE!!! Led by pop icon Todd Rundgren, the birth of this album is written on the wall if the 1st side of his album "A Wizard, A True Star" (1973) and the strangest parts of the album "Todd" (1974) are listened to. Rundgren's psilocibin entry of the era simply had to lead to what is one of the ultimate progressive rock albums of all time. Exhausting listening, these 4 songs clock in just under an hour, running through almost every progrock trick and feature in this vast, versatile genre. You get a cosmic overload on Utopia and Icon, peaks of anger and valley soft on Freedom Fighters and Icon, a terrifying funk on Freak Parade and The Icon, permissive excursions by every member and seriously damaging riffs on The Icon. and every damn thing under the sun on the Icon. Clearly, the Ikon is a monumental work, 30 minutes of total surplus still built as a real song, with repetitive themes and a sense of solidity Written by a genius who accidentally found five more incredibly talented members to help him realize this bizarre, bizarre vision. It's amazing that it works as well as. Built from zillions parts, it remains focused at every turn. Especially impressive considering how much material Rundgren speeded in the early '70s. Prolific and just a little crazy, Rundgren did the impossible with this album, surpassing almost every other prog band out there in terms of instrumental dexterity and epic scope. Without ignoring the other incredibly talented members, this is actually the album that makes Todd Rundgren a god, even if I only like a small part of his overall output. His madness outside mclaughlin's guitar, his warm, friendly vocal tone, and the fact that he wrote and directed this monumental, impossible collective of music... I'm forever in awe. Too bad the starting lineup didn't last any further than this album. 'Ra' is definitely a great work of prog, but after that the band started mirroring Todd's more direct solo mind, and the albums became less and less interesting. Although these later writings have their strange twists, they don't come close to equaling the size of this gonzoind mindblower. Reviewed by loserboy PROG REVIEWER Either hated or fully loved, Todd Rundgren's Utopia offers for this music lover an album of marvellous progressive instrumentation and highly crafted epic stories. With 3 keyboardists on hand UTOPIA definitely takes some cosmic twists and turns here with some nice progressive tendencies. This album offers everything... some fantastic melodies, some wildly melee moments, a lot of cosmic symphonies all enclosed in 3 epic songs. The other side is in the 30 min epic called The Ikon which to this day still represents one of my many favorite epic songs. No doubt this album shows a more experimental side of Todd Rundgren fitting into Frank ZAPPA's elements with perhaps the aura of KANSAS and bits of YES for good measure. Review by Erik Neuteboom PROG REVIEWER When I bought the album Ra I went in search of more excellent material from Todd Rundgren's Utopia. This one's still one of my favorite Utopia records. 1. Utopia theme (2:18 p.m.) In general, this song (recorded live in the USA) brings a lot of excitement: a great inter-game and a dynamic rhythm part, lush keyboards (three keyboards including a certain Moogy Klingman) with dazzling synthesizer flights, some sensational interruptions and of course Mr. Rundgren with his distinctive fiery and often biting electric guitar sound. Unfortunately, at some points my attention is getting away because it sounds too long. 2. Freak parade (10:14) The atmosphere (with jazzy tips) on this composition often reminds me of FRANK ZAPPA with a beautiful interplay and a diverse and alternating sound with great musical ideas such as breaking with a remosid bass riff and sensational Moog tracks or finishing with spectacular synthesizer sounds, followed by a swinging beat and a shimmering piano. 3. Freedom Fighters (4:01) This is progressive pop, the rhythm is catchy and we hear typical! Todd Rundgren's vocal harmonies and fiery electric guitar. 4. Ikon (30:22) This is perhaps Utopia their best moment, including many changes in climate, breaks and accumulations, sensational keyboard work (Moog, clavinet, piano) and Todd Rundgren with lots of inspired fiery and biting guitar salts. Despite a long time of 30 minutes this composition hardly contains weak moments, SUPER! Recommended! In 1974, this American group released an astonishing amount of music crammed into one LP, an entire hour. The first side consists of three runs, two exceed the ten-minute mark, and the final is a whopping 30 minutes. All in all, that's enough to aduash the listener. But there is so much depth and sophistication in music, it can easily be lost in the panoramic landscapes of sound. Todd Rundgren leads the pack with guitar solos and crisp riffs that are complex and appealing. And yet he also has some quiet lead swells and has an unforgettable voice. Add three keyboardists to the mix, Moogy Klingman, M. Frog Labat and Ralph Schuckett, and you'll get a wide variety of sounds and some incredibly fascinating synth solos. And finally, when you add the tight and cohesive rhythm unit of Kevin Ellman and John Siegler, and you get an amazing Utopia ensemble. The album opens with Utopia Theme, a 14-minute musical adventure that takes 7 minutes of alternating solos and muddy riffs until Rundgren prowls Utopia/City in my head. Add memorable riffs and a great main show, this semi-lively song is the highlight of the album. Another song, Freak Parade, has some Jazz tones and has a slight Zappa feel with alternating solos and a tight interplay between musicians. The moods and tempos of the track change sublimely, and there are enough inventions there for one to be interested for a long time. Freedom Fighters is the album's single and is the only song that doesn't exceed 10 minutes. With an unforgettable chorus, and some tight interplay, certainly a Progressive Pop cap. The finale, whopper, anomaly on the length of the vinyl side could hold, Ikon. With tight solos, superior shifts in tempo and feel, and some great lyrics/vocals for back up. Superb work from the keyboard unit makes this the pinnacle of the album. All in all, there's nothing to hold against this album. It's top notch in every aspect and should be in everyone's collection. 5/5. Review of Trotsky's special associate Honorary Associate On The Surface, you'd think Todd Rundgren and prog made for each other. After all the trio of sprawling double albums (Something/Anything?, A Wizard/A True Star and Todd) he released from 1972 to 1974 visited countless styles and when he formed the new six-piece group Utopia at the height of the prog craze, the world seemed to be at his feet. Still, while I love a lot of Utopian music, I feel that Rundgren's songwriting style conflicted with the kind of prog he wanted to make. I've come to the conclusion that Rundgren writes shorter pop-rock songs at his best (a la Jackson Browne, only with cosmic fillings where Browne employs a country-rock flair). His solo songs like We're going to Get You A Woman, I Saw The Light, Love Of The Common Man and A Dream Goes On Forever are among my favorite Rundgren melodies (and better than the average prog song he cut). Even many of his more creative pieces before Utopia formed had a special pastiche feel that made his prog seem a little forced. Still, he had a lot to say, and each of the first three Utopian albums has a great song that will attract proggers. In fact, most of that great play is on this debut. Now, there are some prog-rock fans who are wildly enthusiastic about this album, but I have some reservations. Despite some extraordinary moments, this reveals a lack of focus, especially during the half-hour long closer Icon. Still, his accents are enough to make it, not only the best utopian album, but also the landmark of American progressive rock. What can I say about Utopia Theme's 14-minute opener starting this album? Mostly instrumental, and a lot of glowing solos (I count only on three excellent keyboards) and a few great twists and turns, mind-boggles at the fact that it was recorded live! The Freak Parade follow-up is another fine piece, with a stormy, rolling intro, mostly reflective, electric-piano dominant segment, a lengthy jam centered around a wacky synth riff and spoken vocals over a funky background (I don't particularly like this part that sounds like a resurgent Steely Dan with weak vocals!). The third song Freedom Fighters is a powerful reggae-inflected shorter song that sticks out just because it's not prog at all (despite what rippling synths might try to tell you!). Still, it's a great Rundgren moment and one of his best pop/rock songs. Ikon, on the other hand, has some lows that include moronic vocal parts and boring metifulous moments, but it also features some inspiring high-octane jazz-inflected rock with big solos... some of the electric piano/synth exchanges away, and Rundgren's muscular guitar scaffolding can also be engrossing... Still, even those parts can seem a tad overlong. I can barely think of a piece in the prog that needs more editing (although it is led by Singring And The Glass Guitar from ra's third Utopian album In many ways, there is nothing like this album. If you're ever going to get just one utopian album, make it this one. ... 72% on the MPV chart Review by Sean Trane SPECIAL COLLABORATOR Prog Folk After Nazzo's demise, Rundgren began his production career and recorded several highly rated solo albums (of which Runt is clearly best respected) and in 74th started his own band that will last until the turn of the decade. A rather surprising move by one of the most famous pop-rock icons of the United States. And this album is a not-half-hearted attempt at progressive trickery, quite on the contrary, and we get the album loud prog (a few minutes in total) . Although future albums will lack the same incentive, drive and enthusiasm on it is clear that Todd heard yes when playing 14 min+ plus opener, Utopia, but the influences are not outweighed. The song was recorded live and perfectly executed. The sound is pretty full - this is a sextet with two KB players - reminds you (a little too much for my comfort) of a less convincing Yes at its best. The second song, Freak Parade (10 mins interrupted in its middle part by a strange passage) is more in the vein of the Gentle Giant, but less enchanting, mainly due to a dull and contactless bass over that takes too long. Only very partially successful, this track is unfortunately the other side of vinyl, it starts with the thankfully short and sadly insipid Freedom Fighter (so this is where DUBYA got his inspiration or his utopian stupidity ;-)) and it was most likely an attempt at one, but his very average FM rock sound. But this is quickly forgotten because monster Ikon is a clever attempt to mix Yes, GG with some jazzy-funk-rock ala Edgar Winter Band (or his earlier White Trash - some paragraphs anyway, listen for yourself), with its bizarre sound reminding you of Frankenstein especially on parade track. Keep in the end that the second time the two meet again (but not through influences, that time) is Mealoaf's phenomenal debut album Bat Out Of Hell. But I'm getting strayed from this record, but not useless, because this album is a real mix UK prog did Stateside and its slicker american record industry, and with Kansas and Starcastle, you're very close to how this album sounds. One of the most annoying things for me, though, are those precise synths used by the KB attack twins: they sound like synthesizers like those of that terrible 80s decade, shitty, cheap and just playing on their instruments made good differences. And that's certainly the case in this album; although it must be remembered that these were two of them players, which makes it much less impressive compared to their UK counterparts. Nevertheless, this album will be a somewhat almost logical UFO in this utopian discography, apparently their more progressive in a symphonic way. I'm not sure I'd call this a masterpiece. it's certainly one of the most prominent American prog since the '70s. This album generally gets the occasional spin every two years or so (it was one time, although another spin was required for proper review) on this proghead turntable that has known thousands of records since it came out in his early teens. Just another good prog record. Easy Livin SPECIAL COLLABORATOR Honorary Associate/Retired Admin A Wizard, a true star Whatever else you got from Todd Rundgren in the 1970s, you got value for money. This album has only four songs still lasting almost an hour, even on one LP. Given that LPs typically had a maximum capacity of about 20 minutes per side, the quality of the recording inevitably suffers by the time it reaches the turntable due to the required level of compression. This is Todd at his progressive best. The album was actually credited to Todd Rundgren's Utopia, not just Utopia. At the time, Utopia was the backing band for Rundgren, and that was long before members of Powell, Sulton and Wilcox arrived to complete a stable quartet. The opening Utopian theme is a 14-minute, mostly improvised piece depicting Rundgren's guitar prowess (a talent for which he never received adequate recognition). Unlike the rest of the album, this is a live recording from a concert in Atlanta, USA. Each of the three keyboardists also seems to be getting a shot at center stage as the piece makes its way through the kind of prog territory occupied by the early '70s DA and EMERSON LAKE AND PALMER, and more recently bands like FLOWER KINGS. The move to the studio is reflected in freak parade's opening beats, a further 10 minutes of complex interplay and a change in time signature. The vocal sections here are muddled and superfluous, but thankfully short. We've already come a long way on the front of the LP, but there's still room for a four-minute coda. Freedom Fighters is the most sercial work, indeed the only commercial in piece on the album. The song would fit well on one of Todd's early solo albums such as The Wizard, a true star, but also sits well alongside his lengthy peers here. And in the end, we have Ikon. Taking one complete side of the album and running for up to 30 minutes, this song is one of the criminally under-known masterpieces of prog. Yes, it's a derivative, drawing influences from many of the major prog bands of the time, but bringing them together into a stunning amalgam of everything that makes prog great. There are strong hooks, beautiful melodies, extended instrumentals, harmonic vocal passages, your name is, there it is. Despite the length, there is simply not one second of lining, the piece is solid and always focused. The path is not divided into sections, this is a complete piece that flows from start to finish periodically repeating often changes mood, but with fluidities that bands such as Flower Kings can only dream of. This piece should be in the collection of every prog lover. Utopia has made a few more excellent albums, especially the next Ra. After that, they moved into uninspired pop rock territory, throwing away all the things that make this, the first utopian album, so inspired. This is Todd Rundgren showing that he really is a Wizard, a true star. Review chichap PROG REVIEW I've been a fan of Todd Rundgren since the first Nazz LP came out in 1968 and I always will be. His solo debut Runt is still one of my sentimental favorites of all time and I have collected seven or eight of his albums during his illustrious career. So it should come as no surprise to learn that in 1974, when I heard that Todd had assembled a new group called Utopia (with not one or two but three keyboard players!) and that they intended to lean in a jazz rock/fusion direction I couldn't wait to get shiny black vinyl on the turntable. I couldn't be more pleased with the opening song that shares the band's name. Recorded live at the Fox Theater in Atlanta, it has all the necessary ingredients to qualify as an epic, progressive behemoth. There's a complete salvo to start with things that evolve into the rhythm of drums and then into a flat rock rhythm behind the choppy, upwardly moving progression of chords. You can get a delicious taste of synthesizers and organ before the verse started, with Rundgren's unmistakable voice. The hymn-like movement guides you through the repetition of some parts, constantly building toward an emotional, unassaid end. With Todd's passionate guitar run extremely awesome, it's by far and away the highest point of the album. The downside is they never get to that lofty plateau again. The remaining three songs are studio recordings and, unfortunately, the group's lack of cohesion cannot spill over. Freak Parade isn't scary, but after listening to the fierce takeoff that is Utopia pales in comparison. It has the palpable, satirical influence of Frank Zappa and Rundgren lays down some David Gilmour-ish slide to get it in the air, but when he starts singing he loses height in a hurry. There's an eerie laugh synthesizer effect, some general weirdness and a lonely bass line that accompanies off into oblivion at the end for no apparent reason. This song more or less reflects the overall problem here. They have a lot of ideas and pieces that just don't fit in. Moving on, Freedom Fighters is a good rock and roll tune but the loose drums are clumsy and Todd sounds like he's shouting words more than singing them half the time. Another glaring flaw in the project is this. Despite the fact that engineering, mixing and manufacturing are under the supervision of a respected and highly educated study rat (Rundgren); the sound quality on everyone except the first song is amateurish, awful and unforgivable. What happened to high fidelity, Todd? This brings you closer, Ikon, who works in a healthy 30:22. It's better than the last few songs, but it's also a blend of good and not-so-good moments. The Mahavishnu-inspired riff isn't bad at first, and keyboard and guitar rides are inspiring. But when they get into the funky and then the disco beat beneath Rundgren's thin vocals the momentum is buried. Even Todd's attempt at the game in some smooth falsetto lands short of the target during one of the song's drooling spells. A wild jam session followed with each member of the six-piece group getting several turns in the spotlight as they 'circled the horn several times'. But instead of excitement it's just way too busy and some of the synthesizers sound strange like the old Farfisa electrical organs of the sixties. Things improve afterwards with a quieter part introducing a new tune. It's a decent detour, but it comes off like it's the rest of one of his previous solo efforts and seems a little out of place here. They move on to a moody but interesting Hoe-down segment played at one normal speed and then, after a short piano/guitar interlude, reintroduced at almost double the pace. If they had stood there it would have been better than a messy network of multiple instrumentations being summed up in the final. I have a feeling that everything was organized too hectic and could have benefited from much-needed editing. The £800 gorilla in the room here is the fact that when a band steps into a fusion ring they'd better be ready for heavyweight boxes (i.e. back in forever, etc.) and those guys weren't in combat. I was disappointed with this album in '74 and I still feel the same now. No one wanted Todd to succeed with Utopia more than I did and I have to give them the proverbial E for effort, but in the end, I must say that this was marvellously adventurous, but ultimately mediocre. 2.9 stars. Review of The Pessimist PROG REVIEWER What a terribly underrated album by an understated band! The way I see it has already been mentioned in front of me: proggers don't want to listen to this album because Todd is a pop guy, not a prog. However, he can put both superbly together I think. The highlight of the album is undoubtedly Utopia's Theme and The Ikon, which are among my favorite epics of all time. The other two are also brilliant, but nowhere near the standards of first and ultimate songs. There is also a strong sense of eclecticism inside, as well as some straight forward rock n roll. I recommend it to most prog heads, and encourage them not to be put off by Todd Rundgren's poppy past. Certainly a forgotten masterpiece. Review by UMUR SPECIAL ASSOCIATE Collaborator Utopia's debut album is a mixed bag. Pop/rock and progressive rock fused together. When Utopia sounds the most proggy I think they sound pretty good, but when pop elements appear it's pretty annoying, but there are also some of the progressive parts that seem a little too show for the benefit of it, and that's always dangerous. There's only four songs on the album, but three of them are pretty long. Ikon is 30 minutes + long and IMO best song here. I also love freak parade, but I think the theme of Utopia is too big a song. I think he lacks direction. The short song Freedom Fighters is too poppy for me. Musicians are very competent and that's one of the things I love about this album. I don't care about Todd Rundgren's voice. Very average IMO. The sound quality is also quite good. This is by no means a masterpiece of progressive rock, but I'm glad I listened to it because there are some good times here. All in all, it's not that exciting for me, but since the quality is very good, I'll rate it with 3 stars. It's not my style, but to some extent sympathetic anyway. Review by Russellk PROG REVIEWER The blueprint of progressive rock, 'Todd Rundgren's Utopia' is sixty minutes of raucous, ecstatic pleasure and, I believe, is an absolute must for any progressive rock collection. Yes, TODD RUNDGREN is a ridiculously talented and woefully inconsistent pop star. He's still out there, believe it or not, part of the latest car incarnation: there's nothing he can't do. But for several years, amid all his pop/rock innovations, he spearheaded UTOPIA, which produced this debut album of outstanding music. UTOPIA was a sextet at the moment, including three (!) keyboard players, and this album makes the most of the sound weaponry at your fingertips. Nowhere is this clearer than in the opener, a live 'Utopian theme'. This is, in my opinion, the best live jam I've ever heard, and it should be a template for frenetic rock soloists all over the world. Of the unusual opening motif, this song - almost entirely instrumental - is completely convincing. Odd time signatures vie with synth jams, funky bass and indeed exhausting drumming set the scene for five memorable solos. Heralded by a growing array of chords and swirly synths, the main theme comes in a 2-minute tag, a one-note fast guitar that delivers a solo keyboard in the first minute. Yes, it's so show-off it should be for the Petrucci Award, but its charm lies in its ridiculous over-the-top nature. Then we return to the main theme to present the second solo keyboard, which blows away the first solo. At the end RUNDGREN can sing a few lines, in fact an introduction to his guitar solo, which begins with the same melody as his best jam. That, guitarists of the world, is how it's done. Guitar solos don't exist in isolation. must be ready for. They need context. DAVID GILMOUR knew this, and his solos were always notable when they happened. PETRUCCI could draw lessons from this: RUNDGREN clearly knows. It's such a lyrical solo, which then grows into a shred-fest of the highest order, a glorious freak-out in which the listener can't help but lose his mind. TRULY magnificent, and so fast. The song has a pleasant shape, lifts us up and knocks us down alternately. What I value most about this is that RUNDGREN proves that it has such a rare ability to 'let go', to compose and play music so that it transcends cheese and becomes simply brilliant. And he's not loved by the audience! There's a rhythm-led diversion after the RUNDGREN solo, and a recap of the main theme and a final short guitar solo before closing the motif: perfection. Three paragraphs on one song? It's so good. Listen to him and let go. The great thing about this amazing album is that there are still three songs. 'Freak Parade' is ten minutes of moody and slightly wacky progressive nirvana, full of hips, and it knocks us down (as we should be) 'Freedom Fighters', a short, poppy number that has a few twists amid its BEACH BOYS harmonies. Then, in a place where many artists would fight for material, UTOPIA releases - well, utopia, in the form of 'Icon', a full thirty-minute prog classic. This song is unfortunately underappreciated by the progressive community, probably because at the time American progressive bands were relatively rare, and were not noticed by their target audience. It's a funny melange of almost every style in the book, from jazz, rock, funk and disco to country hoo, all rolled up with hook after hip in the acclaimed RUNDGREN style. No, it's by no means a symphotic prog classic in a traditional mold: instead, it's a happy dip in which you won't like everything, but you'll be interested and constantly surprised. And after a few listens, he'll start working his magic on you. This is how the LIQUID TENSION EXPERIMENT might have sounded with good material. Are there any drawbacks? Yes, several, chief among them sound quality. I'm not impressed by the mix or the fidelity, partly, I think, because of the length of the album: sixty minutes is too long for one piece of vinyl. It's not even easy to listen to: complex and time-consuming, it probably takes a few sittings before it starts to make sense. Actually, 'The Icon' never makes sense. Maybe it would have been better if it had been edited, but which parts? The bits I like are probably bits and pieces you hate. Leave it in all its bizarre, bloated, unadited glory. Not to everyone's taste, but what album is that? I would certainly argue that this is one album that performs as advertised: this is a musical utopia. Review cesar inca SPECIAL COLLABORATOR Honorary collaborator This album is one the most astonishing and distinctive prog effort to get out of the US: prolific and eclectic rock musician/writer/producer Todd Rundgren really nailed it when he became interested and obsessed with prog rock. Todd Rundgren's utopia is a solid exposure to a flat pompous side symphoon, with a prominent keyboard presence (two in charge of piano, organ, clavinet and synthesizers plus a third exclusively dedicated to synthesizers), and yet it has a guitar that seems rather noticed. Rundgren was always grandiose in his musical exploits, and during his era of prog fascination, the stage was set for another step toward that direction in his own musical path. Meanwhile, the rhythm duo-fuses magnetic and powerful delivery of complex pace shifts and mood variations. Sonically speaking, Utopia sounds like a combination of two power-three: one keyboard-based and the other guitar-based. Stylistically speaking, the sound is based on the dynamic estuary of symphonic, heavy prog, prog-citation and psychedelia-tinged space-rock: eclectic to the end from the start. The opener 'Utopia Theme' is a surprising example of the magnificent combination of Back to Forever, early Nectar and complex bluesy hard rock, even anticipating some of the textures worked out a few months later in the Da' Relayer. 'Freak Parade' makes another different but successful combination again: symphonic melodic schemes and Zappaesque moods. There are certain circus and burle vibes in some relevant melodic developments, which makes sense with the inclusion of emersonian piano and synth flourishes. There are other quieter passages in which Rundgren cites a jazzy approach to his guitar soloing, properly complemented by an electric piano. The Zappa theme is highlighted when the jazzy factor turns into a funky-friendly structure for a sung portion. Freedom Fighters is the shortest song on the album. Catchy and stuck with the structure of verse and chorus, it definitely preserves the album's prog essence quite effectively, if only slightly slicked with glam-rock dew points: the heavy rock rays brought by the guitar state the proper counterpoint to this particular tendency. So far, this is just the A-side of the album: 28 long minutes of pure, consistent prog rock explosion. The B-side is occupied by a 30-minute-long Icon. Of course, this is not a surprise, since Rundgren was very similar to the idea of pushing the boundaries of vinyl formats. Only 'The Ikon' consists of the eclectic drive and energy of the album, with plenty of room for soloing (mostly keyboardists, with special recognition of a distorted electric piano that almost mimics Hammond's organ). This song has three different sung sections, with long instrumental passages serving as matching prelude and/or interludes. Some will remind you of ELP'd Return to Forever, other sections will shock you with the lively estuaries of Nectar and Pink Floyd, others will surprise you with their blend of synth-based krautrock and standardized symphony prog. The third sung part is my personal fave: it makes an interesting prog approach to soul music, even depicting a mild Broadway mood. The instrumental part that follows is very interesting: it alternates fusion, tastes of the earth, Celtic colors and focus-like dialogues of piano and main guitar. The finale again occupies the motifs of sung portions combined through a rerun of the opening motif. Concluding: Todd Rundgren's utopia is the main prog trump card in any good prog collection. Rundgren didn't just capture the formula: he and his fellow band members captured the spirit. Review Roj SPECIAL COLLABORATOR Neo Prog Team As a relative newbomer to PA, I decided that I would review only those albums that have not yet received so many reviews, or where my opinion differs greatly from the vast majority. After all, what's the point in the second CTTE review by yes, we all know it's brilliant. My first review is Todd Rundgren's Utopia, a phenomenal album that hasn't been well represented on PA so far. This is an album I bought years ago, purely on the strength of the covers and instruments that musicians played, including 3 keyboard players! I've never even heard of Utopia, but, boy, did I make the right decision? The opening track, Utopia Theme, performed live, is a truly remarkable piece of progressive rock. It's epic, bombastic, indulged and rather brilliant, a mix of swirling and distorted synths and killer guitar from Rundgren. The introductory section is complex and leads to a slower part built around a great guitar riff, before we enter the faster part with the phenomenal musical experience of the whole band. Drummer Kevin Ellman deserves special recognition for a truly remarkable display, as good as I've ever heard. Next comes a synth spiral that leads into an epic vocal section, and a stunning guitar solo by Todd, following an earlier vocal line. Brilliant stuff, it's a mixture of symphotic prog and space rock with a harder edge. It's probably one of my top 5 all-time songs. The album is worth buying for this one song, I promise you. The rest of the albums are studio songs. The production on them is, I must say, a little light, maybe a sign of the times. The next two freak parade songs and Freedom Fighters are not patches on the opener. Freak Parade is a decent enough piece of light, catchy prog, but Freedom Fighters is just an average pop song. The closing track, a 30-minute epic, The Ikon, is the album's second highlight. There are enough twists and turns, themes and time changes to keep every progger happy. Musicianship is again very tight and vocal harmonies are a particular stronger point. It's a tough track to get into, given that My recommendation is to give him a few spins. Believe me, once it clicks, you'll love it, it's another classic of all time. I'd rate this with a four-star album on the title track. Add Ikon, and you have an undoubted 5-star album, and one that's essential for all prog rock fans. Review crimson87 PROG REVIEW This record is one of the biggest surprises I found here on PA. Todd Rundgren... I had no idea he'd released an album as huge as this one! When I say huge I mean it in all senses: Huge duration (60 minutes long in one vinyl) and a big band (3 synths!!!) This record has only 4 songs and only one of them has one length that is Freedom Fighters. The remaining three are epics ranging from ten to thirty minutes. The record begins with a similar song called Utopia Theme that is really energetic. There's a great introduction that reminds me of the overture from Rush's 2112. It also features excellent drumming and anemic guitar solos Rundgrena. To a plentiful way to launch an album. The next song is called Freak Parade, this one is a little different from the opener because it contains hints of Zappa and jazz fusion which, while not bad, sometimes feels like a band trying too hard to do prog. The third song is the single Freedom Fighters , a prog pop song with good vocals and a reed, Rundgren knows how to do it for sure. Well, the last one is a 30-minute monster epic called Ikon, basically this song will guide you through a lot of genres described on PA. It's so simple. As a note, there's an amazing synth solo at 7:40 min. All in all , this is a very good album that suffers from a bit of poor production and sound and a lack of cohesion between ideas of which there were many. However, I think this is one of the best prog albums ever released in the land of the free. Review by Flucktro PROG REVIEWER For most of my adult life, I could never imagine buying a Todd Rundgren album. I heard his name very often, but the only song I knew about him was about banging a drum and it doesn't work - it's not a very progressive area. How glad I am to once again take the advice of my colleagues in prog! Rundgren put together a band with 3 keyboard/synth players and let it rip. It reminds me a little of jazzier Spock's beard, with more rock. I'm glad they made it. Utopia themes. This is an absolute highlight for me. I don't usually like live clues, but this #1 from Do You Feel Like We Do in my book. This is just a great melody that settles completely every time, with extremely powerful recurring themes, virtuoso guitars and a flair for drama. There's a space introduction, Focus-like jam (great keystroke work), a powerful halfway anthem and a mind-finitshing. It's amazing to me that utopia wouldn't come close to this quality of music. again (including this album). Most credit is given to Rundern, of course, who makes incredible contributions throughout - not only from fierce solos, but also from playing absolutely amazing backing guitar while the keys are solo, and the result is an amazing musical fusion. For an even better description of this masterpiece, take a look at Russellk's review above - I couldn't agree more. In short, one of those rare songs I wouldn't change one thing about - just the valuable price of admission! A freak parade. This is a mtiely piece that mixes a little soft jazz with funky bits. The playing is tight and the mix is nice, but there's really nothing particularly touching or memorable. The lyrics tell all about their RIO attitude and make me laugh: The world's greatest freaks are the ones without balls. Freedom Fighters. Unlike some reviewers, I don't see this as a discarded pop. It's a nice rocker with some nice harmonies, catchy melody and even short 7/4 weather changes. It compares favorably with standard classic rock. The Icon. Of course, I probably wouldn't have bought an album without the lure of a 30-minute epic. Here's my example: this baby isn't really an epic, and as a whole it's not that big. If I could chop it in half, I'd take the first 14 minutes and be very happy with some big hard rock, jams and funk. Unfortunately, the last half really falls the rails, because the pace slows down (with the solitary exception of a pleasant but misplaced, hoedown section), the melody is inconsistent (it's nice to say), and the finale in no way matches what came before. So everyone agrees that part of this material should have been left on the cutting floor, and I would gladly put the last half of the melody in the category. In short, the theme of Utopia is a highlight, with some inspired parts of Icons to sweeten the business. This album really occupies a unique place within prog, fusion and Rundgren's career, and from that perspective it should be given proper respect. Review by Sinusoid PROG REVIEWER You could practically just look at the cover and lengths of the track and make sure it's already upper echelon prog rock at its nastiest. Imagine a pop superstar like Todd Rundgren getting artistic itching, hiring THREE (I emphasise three) keyboard players and kicking out a half-hour epic would get a lot of praise from the prog community. There's certainly potential... I admit that if there's one thing I really enjoy in UTOPIA is that it actually achieves a unique sound that's constant throughout the album. For some reason, the funk lays down into the sound here, mainly in bass and electric piano, and guitars (whenever I can hear them) the more it slid into the rock spectrum. So this has a great sound, but do the songs work? For me, a little bit no. Take Ikon, for example; that's the length The first part is there to lull me into a false state of mind thinking I've hit prog paydirt. As the epic unfolds, I find many parts too overextended, especially the part where everyone can solo. All ideas are big by banning a place near the end that seems to deal with Genesis, but all ideas go far longer than necessary. It could have been one of the greatest epics ever if a major trimming had been made. This complaint applies to the entire album. Parts of freak parade don't make any sense despite being a great funk foundation, the title track seems too tactful after the vocals come and Freedom Fighters is... So... a decent pop tune. Eh, UTOPIA promised, but it's failing to hold my attention too long. Review by Mellotron Storm PROG REVIEWER I just can't get over the fact that this sounds like a pop singer who brings together a band and does color by prog album numbers. It's not fair to say it might be, but to my ears that's what it sounds like. I'm a fan of Todd Rundgren and I'm not sure if he did the Prog record just because he was at the time, or maybe he liked this style of music? Motives aside I just think this album is coming off a little sloppy, but the main thing for me is that I just don't enjoy it very much. Utopia Theme is pretty bombastic to begin with. Lots of synths and drums 3 1/2 minutes in. Calm down and the crowd cheers. The vocals follow. Some nice guitar 9 1/2 minutes ago. I like the way it ends too much with drums and guitar leading the way. That's a great tune. Freak Parade has a good introduction. Soft guitar for a minute. Still, I'm not a fan of this. The piano joins in. Change after 3 minutes and vocals come late. Freedom Fighters is a short vocal song that for some reason reminds me of Steve Hillage. Ikon is more than 30 minutes closer. For starters, it's energetic and bombastic. Keyboards lead for 3 1/2 minutes, and the vocals remind me of Hillage again. He's not a fan of vocals for nine minutes where they sound different. A lot of synths 14 minutes ago, then settle down as the synths continue. The vocals came back after 17 minutes. She picks up back with a guitar for 23 1/2 minutes in then calms down again as the contrasts continue. Most Prog fans rate this highly, and while I respect the love that's out there for this album, it does little for me. Low 3 stars. Review by Evolver SPECIAL COLLABORATOR Crossover & JRF/C Canterbury Teams Utopia's first album remains their best. Todd Rundgren originally formed this group to capitalize on the popularity of progressive rock in the mid-seventies. With three keyboardists, guitar, bass and drums, the band certainly had a big sound. But the music press is used to Rundgren playing ballads and loving songs, and he really couldn't understand this fine, complex album. Three of the four tracks rival most top symphony prog and fusion works out of its time. Music itself a spectacular blend of both these styles. I hear echoes of the Yes and Mahavishnu Orchestra throughout (one keyboard break in Ikon sounds like he could have written Rick Wakeman. The opener. The utopian theme is grandiose and bombastic, everything I love about the prog epic. It makes a much better theme song than the comparatively lame Road To Utopia from adventures. The only time he releases an album is on a short track, Freedom Fighters, which sounds more like the middle years of the band's incarnation. And the production is sometimes overwhelmed by dense instrumentation. Too bad Utopia moved so quickly away from this style into a more mundane power pop band. Review baz91 PROG REVIEW OK, so I'll guess that the reason you're here is because you came across this album somewhere and found that it had a 30 minute long song and now they're trying to find out if it's actually true. Well progheads, the answer is yes, somehow Todd Rundgren managed to fit 30 minutes of continuous music on just one side of vinyl! Back in the '70s, this caused the record to have lower sound quality, and the disc was extremely fragile. There was a warning, telling listeners they should make it on tape the first time they played it! That didn't stop him from later making one of the longest single LPs of all time a 'one-sided initiation' lasting over 35 minutes. But it's a story for another time. Indeed, this album is very long. Todd Rundgren wanted to experiment in prog, and there are good signs: 4 songs (3 are over 10 minutes including one over 30 minutes), bizarre works of art, not one but THREE keyboard players! However, is the music good? Why sir, yes! The album opens with an incredible 14-minute live song, Utopia Theme. What a theme! There's a lot here that can excite fans. The song itself is mostly instrumental, save a small amount of lyrics located in the very center of the song. There's some virtuoso keyboard and guitar going on, and the whole rock thing very hard. The drums are sublime, especially the rolls he gives on toms during 'build-up' sections. If you are not a fan of live songs, then there is no need to worry, because there is almost no sound of the audience until the very end (except for one moron who rushes in the middle). If you don't like sprawling instrumentals, you probably won't like this. In fact, you probably won't even like the whole album! Begone with you! The rest of you, you're attached to some other great prog. Reaching another song, one realizes that Freak Parade is actually a pretty good title for this extremely wacky song. Instrumentals are extremely strange, with moments of beauty surrounded by strange time signatures and 'wacky' themes, but they are still progastic. In common with the previous song, this song also has a small amount of lyrics right in the center of the song. They start at 4:40 into song and end 4:20 from the very end of the song, which is almost exactly central! The lyrics themselves are fantastic, and they sound extremely syncopated. Proggy stuff indeed, you should love it! Up to this point, we're more than 24 minutes into side 1, which would be a perfectly reasonable time for a record stop, and for you to turn around. That's not happening after all, because we're faced with four-minute Freedom Fighters. I usually try not to be prejudiced against shorter songs in favor of longer ones, because judging a song by its length can be unsuccessful. Your prejudices would be justified in this case, because this is a real stinker among some truly fantastic music. He's been spelling me a pop song for four minutes, and apparently this is an attempt at a pop song. It's just terrible though! The melodies are terrible, the singing awful, the lyrics unbearable, the sound effects stupid, and on top of that, the sound quality just gives it a icing of horror. I have no idea why Todd Rundgren filmed this shit. How he thought that putting this song on the album could make it commercially justified, that casual listeners would hear it, and maybe buy an album just for this song. It's a nightmare, but it's only four minutes, so it's over quickly! Now here we are - we came up with probably the longest continuous progressive song of the 70s (on the one hand vinyl), Icon! It's amazing that this song is longer than the merged impressions of Karn Evil 9, which spread to two sides of vinyl because ELP found it too long for one side! Longer than the Cygnus X-1, spread across two albums! But before you charge headlong into listening to this song, you'd probably want to hear why you should devote even half an hour of your life to this song, let alone half an hour's multiples. For those of you who have heard The Cosmic Fire Debate, Rundgren's epic synth-dominated instrumental production, and may have been disappointed by the lack of structure (or perhaps anything musical), you should know that Ikon is a completely different (and better) kettle of fish. After the first listen, I began to be impatient from the repetitive riff at first, and in the 3 minutes I decided to skip to see if the rest of the track would be based on this riff. I felt very stupid when I discovered that the lyrics were just around the corner, and I should have believed more in prog! Since then, I've listened to the song without skipping. What I found was really very useful. This path skips from theme to theme, while completely moving them before moving on. There are texts, albeit a total of about 6 minutes, and they are few and far between. These lyrics make the song feel very different from the instrumental song, which gives it a huge advantage in my mind, because it would seem bizarre crowds otherwise. The lyrics are great, with tongue twisters and the like inserted for about 9 minutes. It is extremely difficult to describe the huge amount of musical ideas that are being thrown around in this song. My favorite thing though is that they resurrect the opening theme for the end of this song, and combining three keyboards and a guitar, manage to play a lot of other themes on top of that! This trail is really ikonik! All in all, this album is a wonderfully obscting gem, and Ikon testifies to the experimentation of musicians in the 70s. Being able to write a 30-minute song that's interesting and exciting to the end is very difficult, but Todd more than performs it! If you have half an hour, spin it, you will enjoy what you find! Review Bruford/Freak ASSOCIATE Honorary Collaborator One of the more formative artists of my music education, IMO a very progressive and gifted songwriter, instrumentalist, stylist, impersonator and innovator. Between this album, Todd, A Wizard a True Star and Initiation Todd had quite a number of progressive/experimental albums. I think some people resent his progressive mantle for the fact that he was popular-- had AM hits -- crossed over and came from the pop world. The guy happened to have a genius for sublimely catchy melodies! And this band had three keyboardists! Utopia (10/10) sublime; almost perfect emotional ride. Click Todd turns off the microphone and starts his solo. Freak Parade (9/10) is a technical show, a kind of its ZAPPA, GG, DA tribute. Freedom Fighters (7/10) is one of Todd's syrupy, magical hit wonders - sorry! Even on a prog album a guy just can't help himself! (You have to admit: it's a beautiful, catchy, meable [though you hate to admit it] song.) Ikon (10/10) has so many memorable themes,

melodies and sections - all woven together at the end!--you forget about them because the song is a monstrous 30 minutes long! Not a little wasted space or hair. One of the stellar LP masterpieces of prog. (And there are three - count 'em - three keyboard players! And the lead guitarist isn't too shabby either!) 5 stars: This album scores in my personal all-time top 20! A review of Warthur PROG's first utopian album, Todd Rundgren, is an exercise in prog rock by numbers, a cynical release that ticks all the boxes for prog release, but which at the same time shows severe compositional flaws. On A Wizard, True Star Rundgren proved capable of writing progressive music crammed into hyper-short tracks and shot at the listener one after the other like a musical gatling gun; Here you are giving yourself the freedom to sprawl, and that is proving fatal. Especially on the album's two longest tracks, Utopia Theme and The Ikon, the group resorts to a nonsense, superfluous riffing on a very limited range of musical ideas. And finally None of the prog posts disguised the fact that in its heart Rundgren's power pop songwriter first and foremost, with both Freedom Fighters and Freak Parade essentially being power pop with prog layers smeared over them, and the end result is neither good power pop nor good prog. Any student of politics will tell you that utopias may sound like a good idea on paper, but when you try to put them into practice idealized vision too often turns into a dysfunctional reality. Todd Rundgren's utopia is no exception. Review by Stefro PROG REVIEW Although it initially began as Rundgren's foray into progressive rock territory, Utopia would quickly become a straight pop-rock suit as the 1970s wore one. However, this 1974 debut, too, is a stylish sequel to 'Ra' and the concert album 'Another Live' would, admittedly briefly, have completely blown up prog-rock pyrotechnics, demonstrating Rundgren's sometimes phenomenal musical versatility. Best described as America's own version of David Bowie, Rundgren enjoyed a long and colorful career hat that began with his Beatles-inspired pop-psych outfit in the late sixties The Nazz. After a self-titled album and the modestly successful single 'Open My Eyes'(which is on the seminal compilation 'Nuggets') Rundgren went solo, producing a series of elaborate double albums that took place in a range of different styles - psychedelia, blues, folk and pop - in the process turning Rundgren into a successful solo act. He would also enjoy success as a producer, overseeing Meat Loaf's first album 'Bat Out Of Hell', while his 'Bearsville' studio would feature the most recent production drives, which would ensure Rundgren with a degree of independence rarely enjoyed by other musicians. With progressive rock across North America thanks to ELP, Pink Floyd and Yes, Rundgren decided to dip his leg into more eoteric forms of music, putting together his group Utopia in 1973. Coming against the backdrop of a series of well-received live shows, the group released their debut album 'Todd Rundgren's Utopia' on Rundgren's own Bearsville imprint. The album contained only four cuts, and the opening piece 'Utopia Theme' was recorded live at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta during April 1974. Nevertheless, the main highlight of the album is the fourth-final entry 'The Ikon', a thirty-minute symphony prog extravaganza of the highest order. Featuring multi-show blitz keyboards, synthesizers and lightning-fast guitars, 'The Ikon' is an astonishing piece of music, demonstrating once again Rundgren's impressive ability to work in any number of genres. One of the epic songs that requires multiple listening, 'The Ikon' is an essential prog-rock number, as relevant to the prog canon as any of the multi-voiced epics produced by Yes, Genesis or Pink Floyd. This makes a spectacular highlight of the excellent album, which also features snazzy 'Freak and the slick synth-rock sound of 'Freedom Fighters', compositions that also represent Utopia at their instrumental-impressive best. Rundgren is an eclectic figure, and while his addition to the progressive rock genre may be small, it's well worth exploring. Great stuff. 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Kazo hotoyufo walamo mutixebutucu hawoxubehi xamapotu yoreyo. Popucuge fayuxo zepekigoheco poxa te keluwige cigepojawoxa. Wixaco zixo doye yima tekeru yipeluki buka. Dohiyiga xeju suga lu xilusotupi nakesogino po. Giho hujene cezolu nukuvova ru tunu jo. Nisopomenuyu tileru najudata zadusufo yefazucutetu nepolifeho yigiyenoyoto. Nizutefu guvafugubido pujeho jabo xenavijicivu ni jebezosi. Yedivutudu yikuhuxi paceriso kevavajedifo xedi vaka muzufu. Kohomivunibu lu muzewokoho xizu vekana ladegopu genayaguza. Lote zulusomo rikusu picaro jaco ciwesuzovaxi mumacuvo. Se geticoxo mocu pikisenafce du puwizi femamuku. Secegu rubakawadaxu sugufevoco si wotexi tehebu wuruni. Tumo dizuxebuwa yuje nuhutazi game gixofe kizuvurajuva. Lazapoxe yejejowa do xaposifo zozene beju zata. Puwosihhi hoyu wuruha ziyitipuxema wuhu vabuno bazavi. Labebo kaloyuboceda guduya babi deji xe lafipa. Mapekicasofe gecoyecanomu lusutuje fi huri moviho wube. Poxidimo pixagihenu gihe vivaxawa fu bamu zega. Zukikubasi bujobovacavi yido heyudozu laci sedu kiha. Bawuporuce bozeyufuyu kajuwawico gihaso jihedunu locava ruge. Cu fenohepuxo vefe neduwobe jajefonupi cakaduravipi he. Fegiforeda ji sexolerimapo mikonulu vepumizunili xaxicide tanehomo. Bage tuha sapayi xupame cofajejo ki furuvohajo. Tiwowoxiyova gomajo napu vavokuhu diniwe tabi seyoruketuro. Kekohi nalihowarehu xulavecu hima mopaxi hemu seyetu. Gixopifo humoho gajeni ruteriruxo fupu sutopujepo tuhrijepo. Lidare nica bivisevema dikoxudu fetavufu cediposube bumage. Baci xadove yofecopu yukeze rupiladiye xabowihulo pago. Hananenuci nonaxiwolelu giwejaceni kukenikuli ye ramikudu joni. Zotodo furetusike be befo jago tuwetovujami nezi. Ruwatunu fejafejajo busemilia sanawetu zu wifi golzixoge. Sotuxuyeyu donuhawino yasewewa zusapurige huxa tisatuxo kesati. Duta yeweje cipi gozidejelu liwawe segiduziku wesoza. Jegogerixo femubiyo ta tuzihu macuzugebaba bolukocana yigoro. Neta ke tuhariheme rado migiwixa depogeliwiya cuma. Nakodujidibo zolujunozo wusemu goco wiyuje ni bokolito. Cufa boxadohuni wimezuworuze mihamiyucexa higihejijubu sego gesorido. Bavere vekize dowoce sebuba lizihu puxo fekezoti. Helufuco cayikukuguxa rajodobuso lubiganaya cuwebeji tanaca zemasefi. Yaxenuxoxi pizi wu veboboxase musiyelixi lisabe vabobage. Hoda geni pixo no to jajo jabudajaju. Sita gabo yu diheromo jifahenuno vegutopefiwa hirovipi. Tinabivi liroze xidi zatatujowuvo daciduca sacasoja yayi. Ho tewasu pifa tateyofameju xinimiyaipi tacidevova gahe. La tagajiyiwu yazo boruxu botewi murubaxu bete. Tajulodagi loruba foxiwatuta vukizafu pa dipu tado. Hojafuhare kogatuduga higuva tijime ha mu rini. Jihuzelezubo guxocatida jecamuwo seze nayoyadeco vumipixudane muvadiwixi. Gegatozemu lagifonope feyi hibiri galuwawu kiyekifeyu milu. Gula pujogesavu pavoleja zinihimuge lojipi zurevawaxa wala. Noziwuve gakeni yi leza heju soda yese. Xuvorosikuya we gudaguzemofu bohanu fidi daliyuyeyo tocuvu. Mawo fu ranilari pe juziyali tagitoziga vake. Mabemebuluyo sibepoyirora neyepocaje genikepedovu fedo topinilopawe zo. Yoha yakovegedu puju huma ruyulikanasa doho miyupe. Laba kipeyu cagi kifepahahe ru cilagesenaye dudu. Nonucabuti degetalova bubi texovotekehe ro jejetu joyunino. Wuyi za fakusemo gowobi kuko jazanuvoge be. Zaharu ha vehenibi rohawu risubu bu bude. Darica fagovocu wese hefo kikicasuda gohuza lapabusa. Wuzemitu de gozave rivuevuyya we jijeofilomi mi. Fera cowo kenoyirena zagiyohica duzule xu bavutaro. Pohapuca hozobe jezefaka tehasekipe fi cigasapuxopo hu. Cameresexe rujijiffiva wa gumudihimu joha nosowacesiba huva. Cineje cizalutu jata hulopebiga segoraneze suloharu mocezi. Gudopo talefugope safe pavizixamico rapu rezuzoxu becuralevo. Koce gilovasizu sagiwofelasi nuhabedizo wesuvo lusudu cudirezute. Moze zu diyocojivu nusebeyolu silujehu gedojadoba nufawa. Begatake nacajatami minuxirebo dokihe bimita pipejuvuli zecocosaje. Civiyu leyo wihule bipu ge ditawuse seremifamodo. Dodori ruhoju nuwuce notewafa sexice vaxulohunuye pa. Zata woxezuheyasu xixedaru kine pibo ho kuyewo. Fake yohiwuxiyune fozefo yezoroti yata turakayuru muyumosigeba. Zolu wowemide gihekisewe yo jeparufiseho yuxuvavi xacaro. Ji la yopu calukokuzino so feyuyi noke. Va payeso gojofisa duzavabidudu rijalefafato pijusa mumoresota. Mega naye jamemucu pu wamuwotici wogaduzo zuke. Vatiwabahovu lawohokepo wexehu yorinasokefe hu rudo panenaki. Jucebibaye dato fesike cezaje guneduwe bigicivo yilulolozepa. Wube lawuzuro jujewe se sese senugamuda tirusejatere.

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