

THE WEIGHT

Almost Gone(Single)

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Aloneness. Not a state but a process. Stealing into our lives unnoticed or crashing abruptly over us, shocking and unforeseen. A foreboding sense of desolation settles upon us, threatening with inexorable change our complacent expectation of perennial security.

ALMOST GONE. The fateful moment when we realize that someone, as reassuringly present as our own self, is fading out of our lives. Thoughts that, for years were lurking in our subconscious, now rise from the shadows, breaking free to trample our mind underfoot. He or she is already almost gone. No longer can it be denied, leastwise not to ourselves. To this limbo, oscillating between desperate last hope and inevitability, THE WEIGHT have dedicated their latest musical jewel, ALMOST GONE. Commencing with the organ, reminiscent of a Sixties era soul ballad, a sacred anointment. One feels that this might end badly. Misgivings are confirmed by the band in the subsequent refrain, played in a nowadays too seldom heard six-eight time. Stylistically reduced and subdued. It's not musical excess that draws our listener's attention. But the song itself – a rarity in today's rock arena. Such restraint in favour of the whole provides the space to tell the heart-breaking story of ALMOST GONE, directly and believably. To perform a song like ALMOST GONE, as musicians, is to walk a tightrope. Below on either side, beckon the dual chasms of kitsch and cliché. One must gauge precisely how much emotion to invest and when it's enough. An emotion that climbs in ALMOST GONE from the very first helpless cry of realization to angry submission before the mercilessness of the inevitable.

As THE WEIGHT in ALMOST GONE then treat us to a grand wordless, almost triumphal finale, one is bound to wonder whether, in the face of great desperation, there still smoulders a spark of hope for the morning. But that's another story...

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