



Light My Way (Radio Edit) \*\*\*

Return To Dust \*\*\*

Caged

Turbine (Nothing Lasts Forever)

Witness \*

Remain In Chains \*\*

Stronger

Black Sun

Break The Silence (Variation) \*\*

Now Or Never (Radio Edit) \*\*

No Love Lost

Lost Souls (Extended) \*\*

Keep A Light Shining (Reignited) \*

Unearthed

**Never Let This Die** 

**Got Left Behind** 

When The Sun Dies \*\*\*

Senseless

Remastered by Gordon Young \*\*Previously Unreleased Version

\*\*\* Enhanced



Spiral II (Possession Absolute)\*

(Demos)

Welcome To My World\* Control\*

Never Again \* Embrace The Day\*

Beyond The Veil\* Lay Some Truth On Me\*

(Live Bootlegs)

Omen/Unleashed\* Descent\*

One Moment Between Us\*

Total Rock - Bat Cave DPR Interview 2006 (Outtakes)\*

Mastered by Gordon Young

Spiral II recorded at Mercury Pictures, California, Dead Red Studios & Select Studios, London England Demos Recorded at Dreadhead Studios, Kentish Town, London Omen/Unleashed recorded at W.G.W., Whitby Descent recorded at the Castle Party, Poland One Moment Between Us recorded at the LA2 London Bat Cave interview with Natasha Scharf by kind permission of TotalRock

\* Previously Unreleased







## ...So Let It Begin.

Edited by Mick Mercer from an original piece by Peter 'Bob' White

NFD were formed at the very start of the Noughties by Peter 'Bob' White and Simon Rippin in Kentish Town where they were living in the same building, a short distance from the legendary Forum venue.

Looking to assemble a new band after their previous Goth Rock outfit split up, Peter and Simon set about writing material inspired in the direction of Rob Zombie and Ministry - rather than the Gothic Rock they had been known for Under the banners of NFD & 6.66 Satan FM the duo kept working on tunes for the next year or so. Most songs were born of this new sound and Bob's idea was to make the album into the Devil's Radio show. Occasionally though, something more traditionally Goth Rock in style was written.

Cue Tony Pettitt, founder member of Fields of the Nephilim and originalor of their unique bass sound. He had split from FO.T.N. and was looking to get back to playing live music. Simon & Tony had already worked together for the FO.T.N reunion gigs in 2000. After a few visits to the Fortess Road base listening to some tracks and a few jam sessions Tony became the third core member.

News that these three were working together eventually made it out into the wild. Initial recording sessions were done at Innovation studios in London and at a now infamous Chapel session, all backed by a well-known London alternative legend. Barron Frank A.K.A The Stranger. Recorded and produced by Gren Brimson, five songs were recorded in total. 'Nightmares', 'Psycho 69' and 'Mine' were all in the non-Goth Rock fashion, but the other two were the first signs of a return to more familiar pastures.

These two tracks were Darkness Falls and Witness, the former born out of a backing track put together for another artist by Greg and Marc Heal. The second track was built upon one of Bob's demos undeniably Gothic Rock, no compromise, no surrender and it certainly did not fit the new direction. Recording these two tracks showed the lads what they should be doing, sticking to what they knew and that which flowed naturally within them, albeit with some of their other influences still present to an extent, creating a new hybrid Goth Rock sound.

Witness, Darkness Falls and a track called Mine were produced in very small numbers as the NFD 'Witness' Promo, also produced by Barron Frank. Some of the tracks also made it on to a 'The Stranger' Promo. Then followed a few rehearsals to bash out some of the unrecorded tunes and try out a few new ones as well.

Still as a three piece with a bunch of ideas, a lot of enthusiasm and a hunger to make a mark on the world, but without having played a single gig or having a full band line up, they signed to cult indie label Jungle Records based in Chalk Farm. Here they set about creating their first release, 'Break The Silence'. This epic was born of a few late-night sessions at Tony's studio, built in some old horse stables in deepest darkest Bedfordshire (The Dark Farm), then finished off with some slide guitar provided by the legendary Peter Yates, back at Fortess Road. It came in a whopping nine minutes plus in length. It was certainly a bold statement as a first single and much to Jungle's and the band's surprise landed in the top forty of the official alternative charts, as well as making the front cover of Weed Weekly as a top stoner track!

It was time to think about playing live and recruiting two more members to handle the live quitar duties that Peter had provided on the recordings so far and to leave him free to concentrate on being a front man.













First up was Chris Milden. Originally brought to their attention by Greg Brimson and Barron Frank, Chris had been on their radar for a while and had been making his mark on the local London circuit. He had come highly recommended and his style seemed to fit what the band were looking for. A few rehearsals later and he was snapped up for live and recording duties on rhythm guitar.

After an extensive search lasting many months for a lead guitarist came up empty. Simon and Peter one day found themselves down their local watering hole, the Devonshire Arms in Camden, sinking a few beers and considering their options. It just so happened a friend of Peter's. Stephen Carey, was in the pub at the same time. Although an accomplished guitarist on the Goth scene he had not been considered so far as the NFD sound regularly stepped into the realms of Rock, Metal and other alternative genres. Peter knew he could handle the Goth side of things with no trouble though, so after some further deliberation and a few more beers he asked Stephen if he wanted a crack at it and Stephen could not accept the offer quickly enough.

So now there were five, a full live unit! Time for a launch show. A venue was picked just a stone's throw from Jungle Records H.Q. While not on the main circuit, in the Stables Market Camden it was definitely something different for people. While Jungle got on with promoting the show the band decided they had better learn to play some songs as a live unit and headed to the Depot rehearsal rooms in Brewery Road to start bashing things out. That was the way of things for the next two and a half weeks solid!

With the show fast approaching and tickets selling quickly there was a general feeling that it would be a good idea to do a warm up show to get any spanners out of the works and take some pressure off the launch night. After a few calls, John Yyner at the Camden Underworld said the band could jump onto one of the showcase nights.

The night before the launch show, billed as 'Gothic Monstrosity' the boys became the opening act on what was a bill of solo pop artists. Much to their bemusement NFD came out of nowhere, loaded in a ton of gear, sound checked, blasted through the set to a handful of friends and then loaded out again immediately. Fairly odd to behold but it did the job, and the lads were grateful to the Underworld leam for letting them do it!

The next day the band arrived at the launch show venue, loaded in, the merch stall was set up, and soundcheck was done. Everyone chilled out over a few beers and waited for stage time. Over the course of the next few hours the place started filling up. More and more people arrived until the venue was bursting at the seams and then still more people arrived. The place was heaving, there were masses of people outside that could not get in. Everyone got stuck into the night with the support bands and the crowd got louder and drunker. Local legend John 'Banshee' Stone had to deal with fights breaking out outside, with well-oiled people turning up late expecting to get in! And so NFD came on and played their first official live show. No one remembers too much, it was just a blur of growling, loud guitars, louder bass and even louder drums. The set list consisted of all three tracks from the Break The Silence release plus six other tracks: Control, Welcome To My World, Never Again, plus Stronger and Darkness Falls, which would be released on the debut album, and Move In Closer, which would finally appear on Deeper Visions - though it was a set list favourite during all the intervening years.

A highlight of an already special night was Break The Silence with a guest appearance from Peter Yales. By the end of the set the place was a hot sweaty mess of pumped-up drunken mayhem, one of those amazing legendary nights that you were either there or you weren't, and if everyone was there that said they were there then the venue would have collapsed into dust. It very nearly did not be the said they were there then the venue would have collapsed into dust. It very nearly

So that was how it all began. What followed was a winding road of many twists and turns...



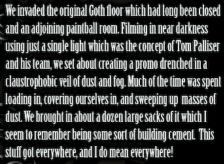






# Light My Way Promo

One chilly Monday morning in Febuary 2006 we descended on the Electrowerkz, home of the legendary Slimelight club night, a weekly Gothic gathering in London since the late 80's and a regular haunt of mine for about 18 years at this point.



The crew at the Electrowerkz were generous and extremely accommodating as always and Tim and his guys did a fantasic job on the video. It was our first and something we are very proud of to this day. Using that Goth floor upon which I had danced to endless Gothic classics for years as a location certainly made it even more special for me...













# Reflections & Resurrections

A few words from Bob about the demos and lost tracks

To say that there are a few unreleased tracks and demos locked away in the vaults at NFD Towers would be the understatement of the century. Writing worthy new material has never been an issue for those concerned but, it is true to say that as with so many prolific artists NFD have suffered from 'the latest song is the best song' syndrome. Because of this many killer tunes have been left behind.

There are in excess of 150 tracks sitting on dusty hardrives, some just a few riffs and over half, fully formed pieces in their own right. As mentioned before some got left behind just because new contenders were favoured, and some served a similar purpose to another track as part of the arc that is an album and, because of this, never got to see the light of day.

Initially these losses seemed a sad but inevitable casualty of the forward motion of the band. Magnificent echoes of the past only ever to be heard by a few wandering souls that happened to stumble into a night of drunken reminiscence about what might have been. 20 years on now I see these lost souls as an invaluable hoard, a galeway to the riches of the past and something I wish I could say I had planned to do. So many bands over time spend all the gold born of youth early on and then are forever chasing the same fountain of innocent inspiration, in time Just becoming foggier & hazzier versions of thier own vision.

So while the vaults will stay largely closed for now, safe for future requirements, I have scanned the collection and picked a few tracks that are complete enough to share and that I feel serve a purpose better here and now than tomorrow.

'Welcome to my world' & 'Control' hark from days even before 'Break The Silence'. The former was a favourite track of Simon's and I particularly like the development of the lyrics. representing the entropy of a relationship as it falls apart. 'Control' was one of the first tracks that Tony heard, and although unintentionally done it happened to suit the arpeggio



being replaced by one of Tony's legendary slap back delay bass lines. In fact we recorded a new version like this on the 'No Love Lost' sessions but this version never saw the light of day.

'Never Again' was actually written by me for a friend of the band one afternoon. At the end of the day we both listened to the demo and then I had to rather horribly inform him that it was too good a tune and would have to be an NFD track. Being the stand up sort of guy he is, still to this day, and although disappointed to say the least he accepted the track's fate much better than I would have. Again, this track was recorded properly down at Foel Studios but never got released.

The final three tracks were part of the writing sessions for 'Reformations' & 'Waking the Dead'. There were around 40 tracks written for those two releases in total and these were among those that fell by the wayside. 'Embrace the day' only missed out by a fraction. So, I am pleased to finally release a few of these lost souls back into the Aether and hope they find a place in your hearts equal to that which they hold in mine. Rest assured the remaining ranks of the lost and the affected will find thier way home one day in the not too distant future…

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### All songs performed by NFD All songs Mixed & Produced by NFD

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Black Sun - Recorded at The Building Stafford, England.

Break The Silence - Recorded at The Dark Farm, Bedfordshire, England & Dread Head Studios, London, England.

Now Or Never - Recorded at Dead Red Studios & Select Studios, London England also The Rock, Malibu, California.

No Love Lost - Recorded at Dread Head Studios, London, England.

Lost Souls - Recorded at Foel Studios, Llanfair Caereinion, Wales.

Keep A Light Shining - Recorded at Dead Red Studios & Select Studios, London England also Mercury Pictures, California.

Unearthed - Recorded at The Building Stafford, England.

Never Let It Die -- Recorded at The Building Stafford, England.

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When The Sun Dies - Recorded at The Building Stafford, England.

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And finally a big thank you to anybody who is missing from this, we know there will be more than one! We didn't forget, we just didn't remember\_one too many\_or is that one too few!













We would like to take a moment to celebrate a number of recently lost souls whose absence is deeply felt but whose energy and light remains within us:

Bee, Gummy Bear, Robin McDonnell, Luciano Yeti, Old Bob, Allan 'Rock 'n' Roll' Cooper

A very special thank you from NFD to two people who were not only foundation stones of the London alternative scene from the 80's onwards but whose support of NFD in endless ways will never be undervalued or forgotten.

### Mak Ma Yuan & Andy Bruce

We will meet again one day in the Aether...

