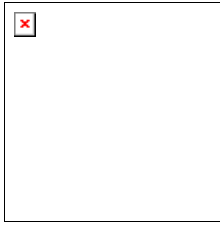


**Ecliptica - The Awakening (Demo)**  
Self-financed

file under Heavy/power metal



**Vera:** Ecliptica came into being in 2003 as solo project of Drunken Angels' guitarist Markus Winkler. After a first demo 'The Legend Of King Artus' he concentrated on forming a complete band, though this band got through a number of line-up changes in 2005. The recordings of this second demo 'The Awakening' took longer than expected on the score of the orchestral parts and a long-time mixing process.

Ecliptica reaches for a complicated approach. In the ennobled intro 'The End Of Silence' they go for bombastic symphonic orchestration and whispering vocals. The sound of the title track which follows is rather flimsy after that. It is chopping pure heavy metal in which vocals of Thomas Tieber are the weak element. In 'A Fairytale...' they obviously have Manowar as big influence and there is a short fragment where we hear female singer Evelyn Pieler. She has a fairly cracking voice that's still susceptible for improvement. This song however includes a well-done atmospheric part with sonorous guitars (think of the sound of the guitars in Manowar's 'Battle Hymn') and beautiful synths. 'Evil Love' borrows shamelessly any solid AC/DC riffs, guitar work is okay but Thomas has to stand on his toes to reach all vocal-lines. Better is 'Twilight Hall' with a sensitive intro and a nice passing into galloping rhythms. A proper metal track. 'Ecliptica' starts very amateurish as if singer Evelyn plays the guitar at a campsite, but is later on invigorated by male vocals. Seen as demo this is not bad, but vocal-wise and compose-wise things need to be worked at.

**Rating 65/100** (details)

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