

SZNZ: Winter Review

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Last year, Internet Sexyman and Weezer frontman Rivers Cuomo announced that 2022 would be inseminated with **four new Weezer EPs**, each themed for one of the four seasons, each releasing on a season's solstice or equinox, and all being collectively known as *SZNZ*. While *Spring* has since grown on me quite a bit, *Summer* and *Autumn* fell from the lofty expectations I had for them. *Winter* released on December 21st, 2022, and I have had a month to ruminate on it. Here is my review of the final Weezer SZNZ project: *Winter*.

I Want a Dog - I originally hated this song. As the lead single for the project, I thought it was silly. But I have to remind myself, *Weezer is always silly!* This song is about loneliness and wishing one had a companion to shoulder some of the weight of the world. Rivers specifically wants a dog because people are complicated. What a cringe misanthrope! The song has a beautiful acoustic opening that births a great rock rhythm that drives the song home. It's pretty good.

Iambic Pentameter - The verse of the song has a sing-songy swing groove that you can't help but sway your head to. It feels like a county fair, brisk breeze in the air, with a 1st place ribbon gifted to the finest hog in the land. None of the songs on this album are very *wintry* in my opinion, but that's okay. I want to dance to this song with a girl (but I'll never touch a woman again.)

Basketball - This song is extremely cheesy. Instrumentally it is absolutely **sick**, but the lyrics are painfully cringe. Lyrically, Rivers is brooding that he is lonely and nonathletic and has a defeatist complex. Rivers will never stop writing songs like a 15-year-old kid, but at least the guitar shreds on this one.

Sheraton Commander - Why is this here? He's singing about... George Washington? I don't have a high enough IQ for this song, I guess. MAYBE, Rivers was inspired by Washington crossing the Delaware on Christmas for this *Winter* themed album... but I don't really get it. This is really the only song that actually feels *wintry* to me.

Dark Enough to See the Stars - The lyrics may be a little repetitive, but it absolutely rocks. It's very evocative of a night's sky! It's so vast and wise! Shouldn't we feel small in that expanse of darkness?



It has a slight folktale vibe; I can imagine a medieval bard playing this song in a tavern. "Why for art thine brethren biting their thumbs towards mine maiden?"

The One that Got Away - This song is clearly very personal to Rivers. I don't really get how he can be singing a love song like this when he has a wife, but whatever. Rivers is sad about lost love. It's a very familiar situation to be in, and the guitar shreds on this one; drives the action of the song very well.

The Deep and Dreamless Sleep - This song is *very* fun to sing along to. The chorus is catchy, and there's a lot of "la di la do deee" parts in the verses that are easy to remember. Why memorize lyrics when you can just 'skibby bibby bee boop bop' to the finish line?

The song is very tragic, despite the energy the guitars and the beat give it. The song is literally about how death would cure all issues for our torrid hero, Mr. Weezer Cuomo. As the song ends and the metal guitar riffs erupt from my speakers, I can't help but think of the absolute totality of death. This song fucks.

Conclusion - At just 21 minutes, shorter than any of the other *SZNZ* projects, this album is decent. I am glad I waited a month to write this review, because if I had stuck with my guns on my December 22nd review, there would be a lot more curse words. Weezer is like a fine wine; it has to age. In this instance, I only had to age it a month to be palatable. Actually, Weezer is more like an aged cheese. Cheezer.

As far as I am concerned, Weezer went 2/4 on these projects. *Spring* is stellar, *Winter* is rather good, *Summer* is just okay, and *Autumn* is quite bad. Thanks for weezing, *Carlisle Cuomo*



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- FBI Open Up!
- I am committing tax fraud
- Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!
- I'd like to claim this mysterious child as a dependent
- I'd like to claim a fraction of my child as a dependent (Solomon IRS)
- How do you launder money? The washer isn't working
- Funny dog
- IRS? Does that stand for "I rate simps"?
- Do I have to pay taxes on my drug deals?
- Where do I send the gift cards?
- What that it about my car's extended warranty?
- Can I claim gift cards sent to scams as business expenditures?

- Silence for 20 minutes
- Put Dominos pizza on another line and connect them •
- Fitness Gram pacer test
- Your social security num-• ber
- Do I owe taxes on my gold GIS find?
- So about those IRS NFTs...
- Do my NFT purchases count as business expenditures?
- Please don't tax my Only-Fans
- Does laundered money count?
- What if it's in a Swiss Bank Account?
- Waaaaasuuuuuup
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- Do I have to report bribes? (they'll also say yes)
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