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 "Keeper of the Earth"
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Dutch metal band, Highway Chile, should've been much bigger than they were. "Storybook Heroes" remains one of the greatest metal albums ever. Check out the likes of "The Fever", "Highway Chile", and "Jesse James" – this is some classic stuff for sure! Unfortunately, with succeeding releases they, like fellow countrymen Picture, decided to forego their metal roots and become a more commercial entity – Like Picture, they failed. The average "For the Wild and Lonely" and the bloody awful "Rockarama" sealed their fate as 'could've beens'. Spring forward to 2002 and the band (albeit with only Ernest Van EE in the line-up) put out "On the Road Again". Apparently, it generated enough interest for the band to put out new material. And it's quite good – not nearly as good as "Storybook Heroes", but as with Picture, I'm thankful that the band is back in circulation.

"Keeper of the Earth" is heavy indeed. It's best described as traditional metal with a crisp production. The likes of "Poison", "Stealing with Pride", and the reinvented "Headbangers" will have metal fans frothing at the mouth! I will always support the likes of Highway Chile, Picture, Killer,

and others making a comeback from the early 1980s scene for they set the path for what is being listened to nowadays. And besides, this music is better!

5 out of 5