

Awake

 By Skillet | INO Records

Skillet's first release in three years, *Awake*, features not only the raw energy and multi-textured music for which the band has become known, but also songs that speak to real-life experience. "Hero" declares that anyone can be a hero to someone, while "Monster" tackles the inner struggles people deal with that others don't see.

Other subjects include abortion ("Lucy"), making the most of every moment ("One Day Too Late") and eating disorders ("Never Surrender"). The recording also features the debut of the band's newest member, drummer and U.K. import Jen Ledger.

For lead singer/bassist and primary songwriter John Cooper, *Awake* marks a "turning of a page" for the band. "This album is even more immediate than *Comatose*, but there's also a noticeable maturity," he says. "Some of the songs are complex, others are just really intense rockers, and overall there's a real sense that we're opening a new chapter."

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