

Cher - Closer To The Truth [Deluxe Edition] (2013)

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1. *Woman's World* 2. *Take It Like a Man* 3. *My Love* 4. *Dressed to Kill* 5. *Red* 6. *Lovers Forever* 7. *I Walk Alone* 8. *Sirens* 9. *Favorite Scars* 10. *I Hope You Find It* 11. *Lie to Me* 12. *I Don't Have to Sleep to Dream [Bonus Track]* 13. *Pride [Bonus Track]* 14. *You Haven't Seen the Last of Me (Original Version)[Bonus Track]* 15. *Woman's World [R3hab Remix]* 16. *Woman's World [Jodie Harsh Remix]* 17. *Will You Wait for Me [Bonus Track]*

"Getting older sucks the big one," Cher said recently, yet ageing seems to have instilled a fierce energy. On her last album, in 2001, she was a bellowing dance-commander, and now she's gone one better, cranking up both the beats and her propensity for blasting. And she can blast like nobody else: Pink and Jake Shears are credited as backing vocalists on *I Walk Alone* and *Take it Like a Man* respectively, but they're inaudible against Cher's Auto-Tuned foghorn. Happily, though, her many producers and writers have matched her with a batch of pounding Eurodisco tracks that can take the punishment. There's a reason the single *Woman's World* reached No 1 on the US dance chart: it's classic diva territory, combining empowerment sentiments, wonderfully kitsch techno and Cher's most commanding performance. The first half of the album is a similar campstravganza – *Take It Like a Man* indeed – but the second peters out into MOR. Did she really need to cover the Miley Cyrus ballad-warbler *I Hope You Find It*? Then again, she's Cher, and what producer would be brave enough to say no?

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