

## Extreme - III Sides to Every Story (1992)

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01 - (Yours) *Warheads* 02 - (Yours) *Rest in peace* 03 - (Yours) *Politicalamity* 04 - (Yours) *Color Me Blind* 05 - (Yours) *Cupid's Dead* 06 - (Yours) *Peacemaker Die* 07 - (Mine) *Seven Sundays* 08 - (Mine) *Tragic Comic* 09 - (Mine) *Our Father* 10 - (Mine) *Stop The World* 11 - (Mine) *God Isn't Dead* 12 - (Everything under the sun) *Rise 'n shine* 13 - (Everything under the sun) *Am I ever gonna change* 14 - (Everything under the sun) *Who cares* Bass, Vocals – Patrick Badger Drums, Percussion, Vocals – Paul Geary Guitar, Piano, Keyboards, Percussion, Vocals – Nuno Bettencourt Lead Vocals – Gary Cherone

Extreme's brand of hard rock balanced ambitious, progressive tendencies with catchy melodies owing more to the Beatles than anthemic arena rock; on *III Sides to Every Story*, the former tends to dominate. The album is divided into three "sides of the story" -- roughly speaking, "Yours" concentrates on politically oriented rockers showing off Nuno Bettencourt's virtuosity; "Mine" leans toward pop songs with warmly romantic sensibilities, plus an occasional philosophical lament; and "The Truth" tries to wrap things up into a coherent whole but dissolves into indigestible prog-rock excess. Thus, the thematic material can be likened to a less focused version of *Pornograffiti*. The album is wildly uneven, but amidst the indulgences there are some fine songs to be found: "Rest in Peace" displays both Bettencourt's technique and melodicism as a soloist, while "Seven Sundays" continues in their occasional lounge ballad vein, and "Tragic Comic" and "Stop the World" are two more intelligent, wounded-romantic pop gems. ---Steve Huey, AllMusic Review

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