



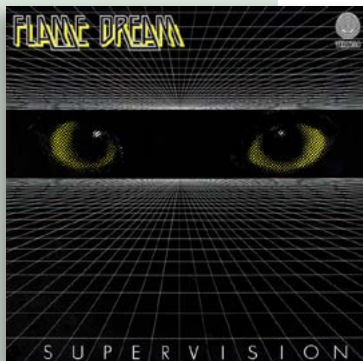
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FORGOTTEN GEMS

In this new topic, you'll find albums from the past which, despite their qualities, never were reissued on the CD format.

FLAME DREAM - Supervision

(SWITZERLAND - 1982)



I am still wondering why this talented band from Switzerland got no CD reissues (official ones I mean!)... They created beautiful symphonic prog and released their productions on a big label, Vertigo (but paradoxically this may be a reason why when you know the versatile politics of those majors). Even at the peak of their glory, it was hard finding their LPs in Lyon, which is very close to Switzerland as you know. I like all their records especially *Out in the Dark* (1981) but this one, released the following year, is my preferred. Sure the 80's rhythmic may seem a bit outdated now but I do like the vocals (very close to **Peter Gabriel's** and **Phil Collins'**), the gorgeous keyboards. It features more accessible music than in the previous records but it is still excellent: think of **Genesis' Duke or And then they were 3**. You may regret the lack of guitars except on the wonderful *Paradise Lost* suite but there is never a dull moment thanks to the syncopated structures, rich melodies and instrumentation, expressive vocals and lyrics. Highly recommended then!