

# Bob Marley & The Wailers

## Waiting In Vain Alternates

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GERMANY!

The moment especially the kids amongst us have been waiting for...and "to wait for" is the key word for this year's final edition of the German Advent Calendar Goodies...for those who know me it won't come as a surprise that there was really only one option for the goodies behind the last door...in recent years it has become rather fashionable to diss the music of BOB MARLEY & THE WAILERS -

hell, there is even an entire trading community who believes that (quote) "BOB MARLEY brings out the worst in people". Well, I've mentioned before that I am old school when it comes to my (Reggae) music taste... and for me there is no other (Reggae) artist whose career output can match that of MARLEY'S and that is why he was my logical choice for today! - starlight88

### TRACKS

01 Waiting in vain - Jam with the Sons of Jah

the commonly known solo acoustic version from a tape called "Jam with the Sons of Jah" almost 20 mins long, most likely recorded in early 1977, probably already in exile in London

02 Waiting in vain - Fake Live Version

also commonly known, from a compilation called "Carlos Santana's Secret Tapes" the fake audience noise was added in post production, perhaps to make it sound as if it was recorded during one of the 1977 London Rainbow Shows

03 Waiting in vain - Full Band Early Demo

a rather "quiet" mix, part of lots of compilations, for example "Exodus & Kaya Demos", with alternate

lyrics; MARLEY starts with "From the very first time I blessed my eyes on you"...another example at ca 0:45 "In life I know girl, there's lots of grief...so the tears in my eyes burn...your love is my relief... that's why I'm waiting for my turn"...also there is a piano solo at ca. 1:35 that precedes the (alternate) guitar solo at ca. 3:10

04 Waiting in vain - Alternate Julian Mendelsohn Mix  
\*Previously uncirculated

to my (untrained) ears this mix sounds a little bit similar to the one Julian Mendelsohn did for the re-release of the "Waiting in vain" 12 inch single in 1984 that was later included in the "Legend Deluxe" Double CD - however, there are obvious differences: for example, the vocals are "mixed into the background"

05 Waiting in vain - I Threes Mix \*Previously uncirculated

similar to 04 but this time the background vocals by the I THREES dominate the mix

06 Waiting in vain - Follow Truth Mix \*Previously uncirculated

a very unique version, perhaps the biggest treasure to be found in this compilation...the lyrics example from version 03 is altered to "In life I know... there's lots of grief... but Jah Love is I relief... so the tears... tears in my... tears in my eyes burn... while I'm waiting for my turn..."...at 1:35 we now have a combined piano / synth solo... the verse at ca. 2:55 is totally unheard "...what good is it to wait... to wait in vain..."...and JUNIOR MARVIN gives us yet another example of his skills with an alternate guitar solo at 3:10.

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