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Flashback Album Review: Accept – I'm a Rebel



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I'm a Rebel is the second studio album of the German heavy metal band, **Accept**.

The album wasn't a commercial hit, but it has a 70s-ending hard-rock feeling. Lyrics deal mostly with rebellion, speed, and heartbreak. The songs have catchy guitar riffs and solos. The album is short but powerful.

The line-up was **Udo Dirkschneider** (vocals), **Wolf Hoffmann** (guitars), **Jörg Fischer** (guitars), **Peter Baltes** (bass guitar and vocals on "No Time to Lose" and "The King"), and **Stefan Kaufmann** (drums).

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The album starts with *I'm a Rebel*, the track that gave its name to. It was written by **George Alexander**, whose real name is **Alex Young** (brother of **Angus** and **Malcolm Young** from **AC/DC**). This song was for the Australian band, but they didn't want it, so **Accept** recorded it.

Accept: I'm A Rebel (Official Video) HD Remaster



Another hard rock song with a killer riff and guitar solo is *Save Us*. Same with *Thunder and Lightning*, a perfect song for driving down the highway.

A couple of ballads, sung by the bassist **Peter Baltes**, are *No Time to Lose*, about feeling lonely after a breakup and *The King*, that tells the story of a man that chose the wrong path, the criminal life. He is no longer the king. He lives outside the society, ostracized. **Peter** has a lovely voice that works perfectly for these types of songs.

China Lady, an equivalent to **Iron Maiden's** *Charlotte the Harlot*, is about a lady of the night, dirty love.

Two rock love songs are *I Wanna Be No Hero* and *Do It*. This last one is my favorite track of the album, sick riff.

The album wasn't a commercial success, according to his former singer **Udo Dirkschneider**, because the band hadn't found his identity yet. Their situation improved major with their next album, **Breaker**. However, I think that **I'm a Rebel** has some great tracks.

Rating: 6/10

Release Date: June 2nd, 1980

Released By: Brain Metronome GmbH

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Track Listing

1. I'm A Rebel
2. Save Us
3. No Time To Lose
4. Thunder & Lightning
5. China Lady
6. I Wanna Be No Hero
7. The King
8. Do It

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