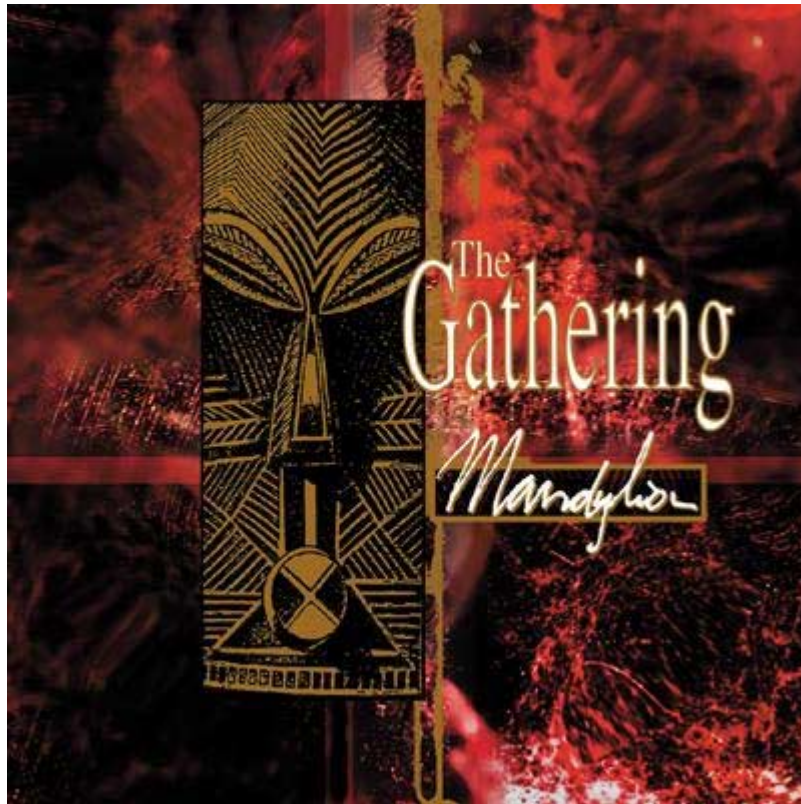


**Mandyliion - 1995**  
**Century Media - 77098-2**



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Hans Rutten - drums

Also played: bells, tambourine, windchimes

all music by The Gathering  
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*We want to dedicate this album to the spirit of Harold Gloudemans*

*In which we have lost a good friend*

*Hopefully you have found your rest*

*(☪ 13/08/'94)*

## **strange machines**

it has always been in the back of my mind  
dreaming about going to the corners of time  
i always wanted to fly in strange machines

i wanna do centuries in a lifetime  
and feel it with my hands  
touch the world war II and Cleopatra  
flying...

could it be that my dream would come true  
building a machine that would actually do  
what i want it to do

russian revolution, let's do that in one day  
Beethoven and Gershwin i think that would be o.k.  
more than anything i wanna fly in strange machines

i wanna do centuries in a lifetime  
and see it with my eyes  
watch Jesus rise, if he ever did  
flying...

i wanna do centuries in a lifetime  
and feel it with my hands  
touch renaissance and Chaka Khan  
flying...

## **eléanor**

underneath the mask you've buried yourself into  
it's coal-black  
i am tired of the gulping that you do  
every day a new face  
what if i unscrew  
your own identity  
wouldn't you guess there's nothing left of you?

the quicksand of life drags us  
down into the circle  
one day. we might not catch you

i feel sorry for what you try to do  
breaking others down. to try and to pursue

your own selfish interests  
i am starting to get sick of you

whatever happened ever since you left  
you make yourself and me look like fools

### **in motion #1**

kill me with your thoughts  
use your mind  
hand me over to this world  
into death...

make me cry in vain  
leave one tear  
touch my face with your sigh  
leave me against the stream  
one hundred worlds will see me  
passing by...

### **leaves**

i close your eyes with my mouth  
now you don't see anything  
but you feel my breath all over  
i can feel you too

although i don't really know you  
i don't really care

cry with me, make my day  
tomorrow all will be gone  
all the sweetness and all the fun  
no, i don't wanna know...

although i don't really know you  
i don't really care

now that you're gone i don't know  
how to really feel inside  
baring the hope to see you again  
i guess i never will

now that i do really know you

yes, i really care!

## **fear the sea**

water travels by itself  
inspires us to fear the sea  
when it affects our state of mind  
we drown in our make believe

those little drops that cover two thirds  
eventually there will be nothing left  
but water, this water

it rules but even so  
it tears apart around us  
throws itself high up in the sky  
never will be able to tame

## **mandy lion**

*instrumental*

*in remembrance of Harold Gloudemans*

## **sand and mercury**

my dear, don't leave me now  
close at the edge of my end  
all this time you have been my friend  
don't go, stay for a while

my dear, you're losing me now  
this will be my last hour  
hear my voice, see my face  
see how sick i am  
how i long for your embrace

## **in motion #2**

i see him turn away

although my eyes are shut with emptiness  
and again the rain falls down  
together with me

this blood in my body runs for you  
drink my tears as i cry

my heart and my mind crave for you  
drink my tears as i cry

it is sad how the rain falls down

i see you walk away  
falling down i cry and scream your name  
and again the rain falls down  
together with me

my ache is yours as i am  
drink my tears as i cry