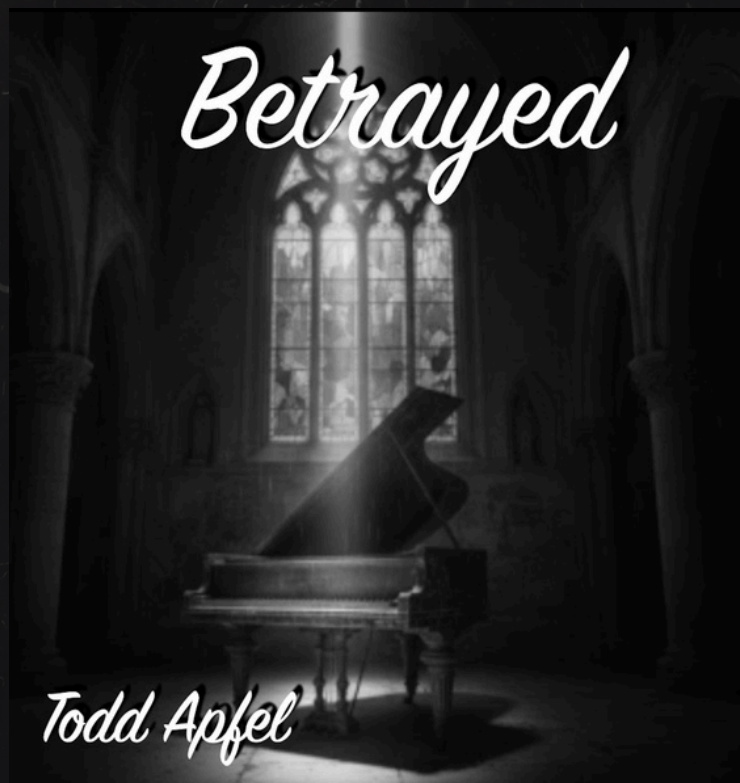




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**FOR FANS OF: SAVATAGE ·
QUEENSRÿCHE · TRANS-SIBERIAN
ORCHESTRA · FATES WARNING**

"BETRAYED" IS A CINEMATIC, PIANO-DRIVEN ROCK ANTHEM THAT CHRONICLES A DEVASTATING TRUE STORY. WRITTEN FOR HIS SISTER-IN-LAW FOLLOWING THE SUDDEN DEATH OF HER HUSBAND, APFEL'S FIRST THREE SONGS — "THE GIFT," "COMING HOME," AND "2 SOULS, 1 HEART" — WERE TRIBUTES TO A LIFE LOST AND AN ORGAN DONOR'S LEGACY. THEN CAME THE TRUTH.

SIX MONTHS AFTER HIS PASSING, SHE UNLOCKED HIS CELL PHONE. WHAT SHE DISCOVERED SHATTERED EVERYTHING: A DOUBLE LIFE, A SECRET GIRLFRIEND, AND THE GUT-WRENCHING TWIST THAT THE OTHER WOMAN WAS HIS BROTHER'S WIFE — HER OWN SISTER-IN-LAW.

"BETRAYED" CAPTURES THAT MOMENT OF HORRIFYING REVELATION. THE HAUNTING PIANO INTRO BUILDS FROM A WHISPER INTO A FULL-ROCK ASSAULT, WITH TEMPO AND TIME SIGNATURE SHIFTS THAT MIRROR THE EMOTIONAL WHIPLASH OF THE STORY. LYRICALLY, APFEL WEAVES IN DEVASTATING DETAILS — THE SIX-MONTH WAIT, THE DIGITAL KEY, THE SHARED LAST NAME, AND THE LINE "ALL THE LIES THAT HE PAVED" — A DOUBLE ENTENDRE REFERENCING THE MAN'S REAL-LIFE JOB ON A ROAD PAVING CREW.

"THE FIRST THREE SONGS WERE ABOUT HONORING HIS LIFE. THIS ONE IS ABOUT THE TRUTH THAT FOLLOWED. SHE STILL LOVES HIM. BUT NOW SHE HAS TO CARRY THAT LOVE ALONGSIDE THIS IMPOSSIBLE BETRAYAL. IT'S NOT A CLEAN STORY. IT'S MESSY. PAINFUL. AND REAL."
— TODD APFEL

- WRITTEN BY: TODD APFEL
- PRODUCED BY: TODD APFEL
- MASTERED BY: TODD APFEL
- RECORDED AT: 1 O*A*K STUDIOS
- INSTRUMENTS: PIANO, ELECTRIC GUITAR, BASS, DRUMS, STRINGS
- KEY: A MINOR (MODULATING TO C MAJOR IN BRIDGE)
- TEMPO: 40 BPM → 120 BPM (MULTIPLE SHIFTS)

PRE-SAVE "BETRAYED" NOW:

[HTTPS://DISTROKID.COM/HYPERFOLLOW/TODDAPFEL/BETRAYED?REF=RELEASE](https://distrokid.com/hyperfollow/toddapfel/betrayed?ref=release)

APFEL'S CATALOG LEADING INTO THIS RELEASE:

- "THE GIFT" (SINGLE)
- "COMING HOME" (SINGLE)
- "2 SOULS, 1 HEART" (SINGLE)
- "BELIEVE" (SINGLE)
- "TEAR DOWN THESE WALLS" (SINGLE)
- "TEARS IN THE RAIN" (SINGLE)
- "WITH EVERY TEAR" (SINGLE)
- "I THINK OF YOU" (SINGLE)

ALL TRACKS ARE AVAILABLE NOW ON ALL STREAMING PLATFORMS.



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