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SIGHTS OF WAR *For I am...* EP 2012

Next band from the Canadian team of HSP and I'm impressed very much this time and again!!! They play since 2011, releasing in 2012 debut demo and EP I'm reviewing right now. Moreover there is newer demo made already, in 2013, nicely titled "Live slaughter", however I haven't heard it (yet!). "For I am..." includes 8 songs, although the total playing time isn't bigger than 20 minutes, so you see, they compose short and concrete tracks. The music, hmm, I've seen various definition concerning SIGHTS OF WAR and they respect various METAL genres in their music indeed. But I personally don't see a sense to create such definitions in this regard. It's enough to say that Canadian beast creates black metal! Same like it was with such VENOM, HELLHAMMER, PAGAN RITES, VON, BLASPHEMY and early BATHORY of course, or even Polish XANTOTOL (the other question is that the leader of this band is Christian follower today!)... And imagine yourself that I've mentioned this NAMES with concrete idea and intention! Because I find the discussed stuff like the resultant of legendary albums made by THEM. So, the sound is rawest and awful and I enjoy it still because it makes the music more and more extreme and obscure! The musical means are simplest, yet performed and arranged with (hellish) charm! It's not so common, often ability to compose cool music by use of such traditional and simplest means! And SIGHTS OF WAR got something like that from Satan, in the result my old head is tired after 1st.song... But seriously, the trademark and greatest thing with this music is that each song is varied made by varied riffs, guitar solos, where all of them are simplest yet ... various exactly!!! And here I'm not surprised that some could define it as black/thrash, heavy metal, even punk rock, because all of these ancient influences are present in this music! Moreover it's arranged compact, well thought way, therefore whole album got POWER! Finally, the atmosphere, SIGHTS OF WAR emanates simply of Satan, Hell, Blasphemy and such things that have created black music almost 30 years ago! This Canadian band resuscitate the history excellent way and I hope they will be faithful to their message for long time, I want to listen to more stuffs by them! MUST!!!

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