The nasty Queenies in Boston — rock 'n' royal

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As the jangled guitars of "Procession," the opening "white" track off Queen II, lasted from the PA and billowing smoke filled over and obscured the darkened stage, an unseen vocalist sang the opening lines of "Here I stand/Look round around around." But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..." A strobe and spotlight flash around/But you won't see me..."

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The stage lights blast on, and the four nasty Queenies" rage into the remainder of "Now I'm Here" from their thematic and musical unity of their presentation on Sheer Heart Attack, and thereby water down the brilliance of the whole.

Nevertheless, such complaining is virtual quibbling when considering just how far above the current standard of rock music Queen stands — the Boston review was a reminder of what they are capable of doing. Vanishing back into the darkness and smoke as exploding flares raze everyone with the definitive performance. "In The Lap Of The Gods... revisited," Queen returns moments later with a pulsing, leathery, and macho/butch renditions of "Big Spender," only to slide into "Modern Times Rock 'n' Roll" and then nan everyone with the definitive performace of "Eh! Jailhouse Rock."

As the Elektra ads say — rock in the royal tradition; there's a lot of regal pretentiousness and self-aggrandizement, perhaps, but the rock 'n' roll transcend such critical reprise. As they say, long live Queen.

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