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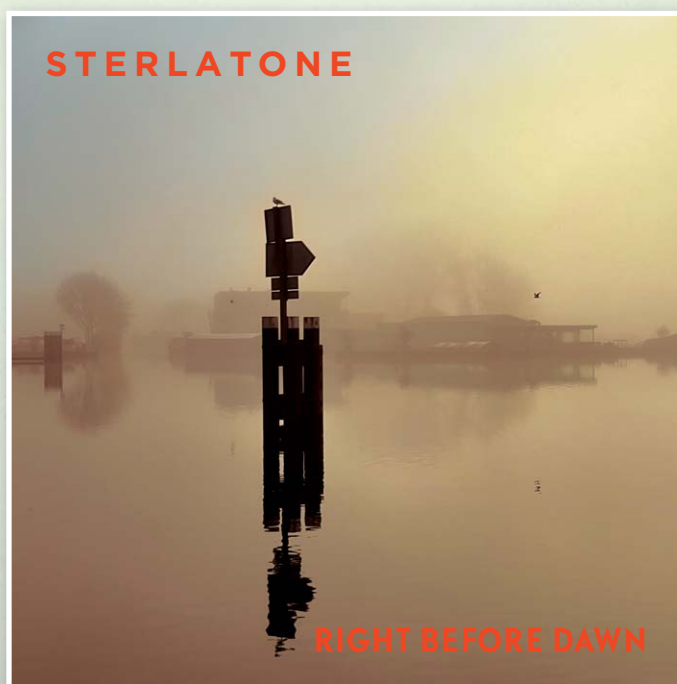
Sterlatone sail mid-'70s yacht rock into the 21st century with help of star-studded crew

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Sterlatone will release **Right Before Dawn**, the first track of their upcoming EP **Nowhere To Point** on Wednesday, the 21st of January, 2023. Propelled by the mid-'70s high production value sound nowadays known as yacht rock, Sterlatone venture beyond faux-nostalgia as they incorporate contemporary elements ranging from alt-pop to vaporwave. **Right Before Dawn** is a natural progression from their earlier fusion of sixties and nineties Britpop work, yet maintains a similarly meticulous approach to soundcraft and recognizable timeless pop-sound.

Writer-producer Ivo Witteveen enlisted none other than legendary drummer Frank Tontoh and sought-after bass player Mark Haanstra to shape a groove-based sonic canvas, aided by returning musicians Bastiaan Mulder (guitar) and Jeroen de Rijk (percussion). Completed by co-writer Dylan Alling's earnest vocals, the resulting music evokes laid-back mid-'70s radio while delivering 21st century punches.

"From the outset, Sterlatone has aimed to create pop music that feels like it has always been there. The live studio recordings for **Right Before Dawn** enabled us to truly deliver on that promise," says producer Ivo Witteveen. "There's always a raw, pure performance at the basis of the lush, layered sound you hear. Near the end of a perfect take, for example, Frank accidentally hit his own stick. Same thing happened to Steve Gadd on *Aja* by Steely Dan – and they kept it in. So, we kept it too. Our music is about real people playing real instruments."



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The track's embellishing strings were captured in hi-fi, while its saxophones were put through a distorted '70s Fender amp and a modern-day granular synthesis plug-in. In both cases, live recordings constitute the backbone of the final sound. They allow the record to occupy a timeless and contemporary place at the same time.

Lyricaly, the new work displays a more solemn take on themes such as escape and atonement than earlier Sterlatone tracks. "The lockdown cycle has left its marks on us, for

sure," admits Dylan. "It has changed our perspective on many things, from contentment to relationships. Introspection offered us clarity but also revealed that some things are forever beyond our reach. This is perhaps our most ruminative record yet."

Right Before Dawn will be released on 21st of January, 2023 on Spotify, Apple Music and other major streaming platforms. The EP **Nowhere To Point** will be released March 21, 2023. The full EP can be pre-listened via this [private Soundcloud link](#).

Genre

Yacht Rock / Pop / Adult Alternative

Influences

Boz Scaggs / Hall & Oates / George Michael / Steely Dan / Wings / James Taylor / Sting / Stevie Wonder / Tears for Fears / Nile Rodgers

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