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I've always enjoyed Greg Lake's vocals and compositions from the time I was a teenager and just beginning to get into music. The last time I saw him play live (not with ELP) was back in 1981 at the Hammy Odeon with Gary Moore on guitar, so another live encounter was well overdue – excited? You betcha.

This was different, just Lake, informal and with various guitars and basses as he told the story of his career and sang cover songs that inspired him throughout. The first half included songs from his short-lived time with King Crimson, including my favourite 'Epitaph', as well as ELP classics such as 'From the beginning'. Covers of 'Heartbreak hotel' and 'You've got to hide your love away' celebrated the inspiration from Elvis and the Beatles respectively.

The second half was dominated by ELP compositions such as "I believe in Father Christmas"; well it was November. An informal question and answer session with the audience gave time for Lake to share Rock'n'Roll stories and answering those burning questions.

The music continued with 'C'est La Vie' and 'Lucky Man' and a surprising cover of Curtis Mayfield's 'People Get Ready'. An Encore of 'Karn Evil 9' ('Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends, we're so glad you could attend- come inside, come inside") finished off a great evening.

Date

November 25, 2012

Venue

Shepherd's Bush Empire

Cast

Greg Lake

Rating



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