

## MUSIC FROM THE NORTH

### Within Temptation & Nightwish

In this article, I'll talk about Within Temptation and Nightwish.

**Within Temptation** is a Dutch band formed in 1996 by the guitarist Robert Westerholt and the vocalist Sharon den Adel. They play gothic metal music, and they are pretty famous thanks to Sharon Den Adel's beautiful and powerful voice.

Their first album (Enter) is characterized by feminine singing mixed with growling and a dramatic atmosphere. From the second album (Mother Earth) on, growling disappears and the atmosphere gets more relaxed and peaceful: it has a clear Celtic inspiration. In the next ones (The Silent Force and The Heart Of Everything) the sound changes again, and it gets more powerful but more commercial.





**Nightwish** is a Finnish band formed in 1996, like Within Temptation. They are a symphonic power metal band. They get most of their inspiration from film music, for example the musical scores to Van Helsing and Crimson Tide, and practically everything by Hans Zimmer.

Fantasy novels also exert a big influence on Nightwish's music. Many of the lyrics make clear references to fantasy novels, especially the Dragonlance series and The Lord of the Rings trilogy. Their amazing vocalist Tarja Turunen studied opera singing and she is a soprano. Unfortunately, she was sent away from the band in 2005 because of some misunderstandings, and she was replaced by Anette Olson. Anyway, she goes on singing as a solo voice.



