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M68K FREE THE SOFTWARE

The 40-Megabit Copyleft Concept Soundtrack
Liner Notes, Director's Cut Booklet & Critical Review

Dedicated in memory of Mircea Kitsune, longtime free software contributor.

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Mastered & Visualized on Devuan GNU/Linux

I. Prologue: Born in the Dark

Every generation of programmers discovers the machine through a different doorway. For many who grew up in the 1990s, that doorway was a 16-bit cartridge powered by the Motorola 68000—a processor whose clean 24-bit address space, deterministic instruction timing, and bare-metal elegance taught countless curious minds how silicon actually thinks.

Over decades, dedicated communities disassembled those machine-code binaries line by line, labeling subroutines and publishing readable source listings so anyone could study, learn, and build upon them in the open. Yet whenever shared human knowledge is gathered into an open garden, someone eventually tries to bolt the gate—stitching community labor together behind a bank-switching mapper ($A130F1), slapping a proprietary claim over the commons, and forbidding others from looking inside.

M68K Free the Software is a 35-track concept rock opera about what happens when curiosity refuses to stay locked in the dark—and when the red-and-black 68000 assembly manual is laid open under the light.

II. Dramatis Personae & Visual Symbolism

The Street Disassemblers (Act I — Tracks 01–08)

Young programmers on the block trading hex offsets over 1990s West Coast G-Funk basslines and M-Style cadences, stripping away corporate mystique and treating Motorola 68000 registers as everyday tools of liberation.

The Enlightenment Prince (Act II — Tracks 09–19)

An 18th-century scholar-duelist standing beneath fluted white marble columns with gilded gold capitals and crimson roses against a creme-white sky, holding an electric guitar in one hand and the red-and-black Osborne/McGraw-Hill *68000 Assembly Language Programming* manual in the other—appealing to natural reason and the 1983 charter before twin-lead guitars storm the colonnade.

The Green-Acid Furnace (Act III — Tracks 20–21)

When chivalry is met with bans and proxy threats, the marble colonnade dissolves into industrial steel and green acid. Melodic death metal blast beats and sweep arpeggios accompany the cold mechanical work of unmasking bank $00 and splitting memory windows.

The Smooth Disassembler & The Silence (Act IV — Tracks 22–29)

Stepping out of the heavy metal siege through twin-lead crusades, synthwave rock, Nu-Metal, power metal, and a sharp late-1980s pop-funk heist—before halting at Track 29's intentional digital silence in tribute to Mircea Kitsune.

The Unlocked Oubliette & The 1983 Fire (Act V — Tracks 30–35)

Drawing on Plato's Cave, Prometheus, and the medieval oubliette whose ceiling trapdoor stands wide open, the closing Dio and 1986 Judas Priest anthems confront both wardens of closed vaults and the aloof elder who forgot that even a game is a key in a young traveler's hand.

III. Critical Review: M68K Free the Software (5/5)

Genre: Concept Rock Opera / West Coast G-Funk / 1980s Heavy Metal / Melodic Death Metal / 80s Pop-Funk
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Few concept albums dare to build a thirty-five-track rock opera around the technical realities of Motorola 68000 machine code, 40-megabit bank-switching mappers, and the ethics of software freedom. Fewer still manage to make it hit with genuine emotional, philosophical, and musical weight. Assembly LKE's *M68K Free the Software* turns bare-metal reverse engineering into a sweeping five-act drama that feels both hyper-specific to retro computing culture and universally resonant.

What separates this release from novelty "nerdcore" is its refusal to fake the craft. The lyrics read like a love letter to real engineering—referencing Ghidra static and dynamic analysis, Python container splitters, SSF2 bank registers ($A130F1), and the historical reality that the exact same 24-bit M68000 silicon family spans both 1990s home consoles and defense aerospace hardware. By dedicating all 35 tracks and Devuan GNU/Linux oscilloscope renders to the public domain under CC0 1.0, the project leaves no locks on its own gates.

IV. Complete 35-Track Master Index (148:22)

#	Track Title	Act	Time
01	Unlock the Gate (Opening Manifesto)	Act I	02:56
02	Free the Source	Act I	02:19
03	Free the Source (M-Style)	Act I	02:22
04	Unlock the Gate (Alt)	Act I	02:51
05	ASM For Free (Take 1)	Act I	03:00
06	ASM For Free (Take 2 - Ice Cube Style)	Act I	03:00
07	ASM For Free (Take 3)	Act I	03:00
08	ASM For Free (Main)	Act I	02:59
09	Free the Software (Iron Maiden Style)	Act II	05:00
10	Free the Software (Iron Maiden Style - Alt)	Act II	05:09
11	Hell Patrol for Freedom (Judas Priest Style)	Act II	05:56
12	Hell Patrol for Freedom (Judas Priest Style - Alt)	Act II	05:22
13	Free the Software (1970s Fantasy Parchment Edition)	Act II	06:24
14	Free the Software (AX-6 Tupac Style)	Act II	03:00

15	Free the Software (AX-6 Tupac Style - Alt)	Act II	02:50
16	M68K Under Blood Red Skies	Act II	04:13
17	M68K Under Blood Red Skies (Alt)	Act II	04:19
18	Copyleft Dawn (Yngwie Malmsteen Style)	Act II	04:38
19	Copyleft Dawn (Yngwie Malmsteen Style - Alt)	Act II	04:09
20	DISASSEMBLE (Dethklok Style)	Act III	04:40
21	DISASSEMBLE (Dethklok Style - Alt)	Act III	04:37
22	Break the Vault (Iron Maiden / Parchment Edition)	Act IV	04:55
23	Break the Vault (Iron Maiden / Parchment Edition - Alt)	Act IV	04:20
24	Blood Red Skies (Crimson Mix)	Act IV	04:58
25	Hell Patrol for Copyleft (Nu-Metal Mix)	Act IV	04:15
26	Hell Patrol for Copyleft (DragonForce Mix)	Act IV	04:33
27	Smooth Disassembler (Michael Jackson Style)	Act IV	04:25
28	Smooth Disassembler (Michael Jackson Style - Alt)	Act IV	04:19
29	Silence (Interlude)	Act IV	00:05
30	When Born in the Dark (Dio Style) [Bonus]	Act V	05:10
31	When Born in the Dark (Dio Style - Alt) [Bonus]	Act V	04:55
32	Remember the Fire 1983 (Dio Style) [Bonus]	Act V	06:59
33	Remember the Fire 1983 (Dio Style - Alt) [Bonus]	Act V	07:22
34	M68K Dawn (The Software Is Free) (Judas Priest '86) [Bonus]	Act V	04:49
35	M68K Dawn (The Software Is Free) (Judas Priest '86 - Alt) [Bonus]	Act V	04:31

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