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Shaboozey's 'Bar' Keeps Its **Crown On Country Charts**



"A Bar Song (Tipsy)" The crossover smash collects a 13th week atop the multimetric Hot Country Songs chart

ELLA LANGLEY Featuring

"You Look Like You Love Me"

The duet, which Langley and Green co-

RILEY GREEN

wrote with Aaron

(dated Sept. 14). It totaled 77.9 million all-genre radio audience impressions, 29.8 million official U.S. streams and 10,000 sold Aug. 30-Sept. 5, according to Luminate. It also crowns Country Airplay for a milestone seventh week.

Raitiere, returns to its No. 13

Hot Country Songs high with

9.5 million streams (up 15%) and 3,000 sold (up 9%). On

for a new best (5.2 million, up

33%). The pair also released

"Don't Mind If I Do" on Sept. 6.

Country Airplay, it pushes 31-28

ON THE CHARTS







After NBC's Toby Keith: American Icon (Aug. 28)

highlighted the track, it debuts at No. 7 on Country Digital Song Sales (3,000 sold). The late Keith's last recording is on HARDY's HIXTAPE: Vol. 3 Difftape, released in March. Diffie's original hit No. 5 on Hot Country Songs in 1992.





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"Chevrolet" The team-up rolls 21-16 for a new

Hot Country Songs high, with 3.4 million streams and 1,000 sold. On Country Airplay, it idles at its No. 3 best, up 9% to 27.3 million in audience. Both on tour, Lynch next plays Salt Lake City on Sept. 12 and Jelly Roll San Antonio on Sept. 11.



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	4	JO	EY MOI							
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	7	ZA	CH CROWELL							
	8	TR	AVIS HEIDELMAN							
	9	HO	SKINS							
	10	GA	BE SIMON							

The weekly Country Songwriters and Country Producers charts are based on total points accrued by a songwriter and producer, respectively, for each attributed song that appears on the Hot Country Songs chart. As with Billboard's yearly recaps, multiple writers or producers split points for each song equally (and the dividing of points will lead to occasional ties on rankings).

billboard Hot Country Songs

AIRPLAY, STREAMING & SALES DATA COMPILED BY LUMINATE

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LAST WEEK	TWO WEEKS AGO	WKS ON Chart	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	Artist	COUNTRY Airplay Bank	PEAK Position
34	44	23	YOUNG LOVE & SATURDAY NIGHTS C.CROWDER,C. DESTEFAND,A.MCANALLY,C.YOUNG (DAVID BOWIE,J.FRASURE,A.G.GORLEY,J.THOMPSON)	Chris Young RCA NASHVILLE	5	26
26	14	3	CALIFORNIA SOBER LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME (A.R.POST, C. STAPLETON, L.B. BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, M.L. HOLMAN)	Post Malone Featuring Chris Stapleton MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	14
30	41	10	AMERICAN NIGHTS ZLBRYAN (ZLBRYAN)	Zach Bryan BELTING BRONCO/WARNER/WAR	-	8
27	18	3	NOSEDIVE LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME (A.R.POST, L.B.BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, L.COMBS, J.MCNAIR, E.K. SMITH, W.T.WALSH)	Post Malone Featuring Lainey Wilson MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	18
28	16	3	WHAT DON'T BELONG TO ME LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME (A.R.POST, LB. BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, A.G. GORLEY, E.K. SMITH, C. P. WALTERS)	Post Malone MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	16
36	43	28	HOLY SMOKES A.R.SHAWN (A.R.SHAWN,B.ZIMMERMAN,B.M.STENNIS,LHUNGATE,M.TYLER)	Bailey Zimmerman ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WEA	46	13
38	47	21	DEVIL YOU KNOW S.MARTINEZ (G.BARHAM,Z.DYER,J.HALL,S.MARTINEZ)	Tyler Braden WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE/WMN	-	30
45	48	20	WORST WAY D.HUFF (R.GREEN)	Riley Green NASHVILLE HARBOR	-	32
31	40	12	SHE'S SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER (REIMAGINED) N.SCHWARTZ (D.BALDRIDGE,J.YEARY,C.JAYMES)	Drew Baldridge PATOKA SOUNDS/LYRIC RIDGE	RC	29
42	_	3	I NEVER LIE C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP,C.CHAMBERLAIN,T.NICHOLS)	Zach Top LE033	-	35
20	32	16	HANG TIGHT HONEY J.JOYCE (LWILSON,D.WILLIAMS,J.NIX,P.SIKES)	Lainey Wilson BROKEN BOW	26	19
41	46	16	SWEET DREAMS G.SIMON (R.WETZEL,A.R.ALLEN,J.SERRATO,G.SIMON,S.N.HARRIS)	Koe Wetzel YELLABUSH/COLUMBIA	-	10
49	_	5	THIS IS MY DIRT J.S.STOVER,S.BORCHETTA (J.MOORE,P.DIGIOVANNI,R.MONTANA,J.S.STOVER)	Justin Moore VALORY	10	38
NE	W	1	FIX WHAT YOU DIDN'T BREAK ** Hot Shot Debut ** LRIMES (N.SMITH,A.G.GORLEY,T.PHILLIPS,L.RIMES) **	Nate Smith RCA NASHVILLE	-	39
43	49	12	RELAPSE M.ELIZONDO (W.ZEIDERS,B.PENDERGRASS)	Warren Zeiders 717/WARNER/WEA	-	30
46	_	20	WHAT HE'LL NEVER HAVE JA.FOX (D.SCOTT,LROBINSON,R.ROWTON,R.GATLIN)	Dylan Scott CURB	-	35
50	_	9	COWBOYS CRY TOO A.VANDERHEYM,K.BALLERINI (K.BALLERINI,A.VANDERHEYM,N.KAHAN)	Kelsea Ballerini & Noah Kahan BLACK RIVER	49	16
NE	W	1	PORCH LIGHT NOT LISTED (NOT LISTED)	Josh Meloy JOSH MELOY	-	43
48	50	11	WANNA BE LOVED D.COBB (D.COLEMAN,M.COLEMAN)	The Red Clay Strays HBYCO/RCA	-	27
RE-EI	NTRY	3	JUST LIKE JOHNNY REDFERRIN,M.WILSHIRE,J.SAGHI (B.REDFERRIN,M.WILSHIRE)	Redferrin Round Here/Warner Music Nashville/WMN	-	45
RE-EI	NTRY	8	MAXED OUT J.COSTA (B.BLANKENSHIP)	Bayker Blankenship BAYKER BLANKENSHIP/SANTA ANNA	-	42
37	21	3	YOURS LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME (A.R.POST, L.B.BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, A.G. GORLEY, T.PHILLIPS)	Post Malone MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	21
33	17	3	FINER THINGS LBELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME (A.R.POST, L.B. BELL, CHARLIE HANDSOME, L. COMBS, J. THOMPSON, J. MCNAIR, E.K. SMITH)	Post Malone Featuring Hank Williams Jr. MERCURY/REPUBLIC/BIG LOUD	-	17
RE-EI	NTRY	2	SOUNDS LIKE THE RADIO C.CHAMBERLAIN (Z.TOP,C.CHAMBERLAIN,W.MCCUBBIN)	Zach Top LE033	21	49
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The week's most popular country songs, ranked by radio airplay audience impressions as measured by Luminate, sales data as compiled by Luminate and streaming activity data from online music sources tracked by Luminate. Descending titles below No. 25 are moved to recurrent after 20 weeks.

COUNTRY MARKET WATCH

A Weekly National Music Sales Report

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	ALBUM CONSUMPTION	AUDIO ON-DEMAND	VIDEO ON-DEMAND		2023	2024	CHANGE	ALBUM CONSUMPTION
This Week	1,1916,00	2,340,946,000	124,939,000	Album Consumption	63,882,000	67,659,000	5.9%	'23 63.88 million
Last Week	2,015,000	2,412,487,000	126,225,000	Album Sales	5,525,000	4,526,000	-18.1%	'24 67.66 million
Change	-4.9%	-3.0%	-1.0%					TOTAL ON-DEMAND STREAMS
This Week Last Year	1,858,000	2,248,285,000	128,527,000	Audio On-Demand	75,626,752,000	82,152,883,000	8.6%	'23 80.55 billion
Change	3.9%	4.1%	-2.8%	Video On-Demand	4,926,165,000	4,365,980,000	-11.4%	'24 86.52 billion

All data measures U.S. activity as of the week ending September 5, 2024. All units counts are rounded to the nearest thousand. Album consumption units — also known as albums plus TEA plus SEA — consists of album sales; track-equivalent album (TEA) sales whereby 10 tracks equal one consumption unit, and stream equivalent album (SEA) whereby 1,250 paid and/or 3,750 ad-supported audio on-demand streams (OAD) equal one consumption unit.

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'Friday Night Heartbreaker': A Darker Version Of Good-Timin' Jon Pardi

"Friday Night Heartbreaker" is not a song anyone would have reasonably expected from **Jon Pardi**.

In the dozen years since he released his first single, Pardi has championed traditional country sounds, typically delivering tracks that seem inspired by **Dwight Yoakam** honky-tonk, **George Strait** ballads or **Ricky Van Shelton** swing.

But "Friday Night Heartbreaker" — with its bristling rhythmic undertow, dangerous magnetic love interest and snarling talk box — puts Pardi in unfamiliar

sonic territory. It's as much **Joe Walsh** and **Bon Jovi** as it is a country song, though Pardi's voice is inescapably twangy, keeping him in an appropriate lane for his core genre even as he tests its outer limits.

"It's something different that you wouldn't traditionally hear me do," he acknowledges. "I feel like, as an artist, you have to do that."

One of the main reasons Pardi sounds so different is a change in producers. For the first time, "Friday Night Heartbreaker" teams him with rock-bred **Jay Joyce (Eric Church, Lainey Wilson**), whose productions usually feature some unpredictable element. Pardi had watched the **Tom Petty** documentary *Wildflowers*, in which Petty said he liked to change producers every few albums, invariably challenging his preconceptions and forcing his artistic growth. Pardi subsequently reached out last December to Joyce, who he'd wanted to work with for years.

"Like I said about moving to Nashville, I never want to be the guy that says, 'What if I never did that?' "Pardi notes. "And then, you know, 'What if I never made a Jay Joyce record?' We're about to see what happens."

They booked two weeks in May to record an album at Joyce's Neon Cross Studio, which gave Pardi about five months to write, or find, songs that would be appropriate for a brand-stretching project.

Early in that window, "Friday Night Heartbreaker" came together separately as five songwriters gathered at Nashville's Big Machine Music: **Jessie Jo Dillon** ("Messed Up as Me," "10,000 Hours"), **Ryan Hurd** ("You Look Good," "What My World Spins Around"), **Chris Tompkins** ("Before He Cheats," "Drunk on a Plane"), **Josh Miller** ("Be a Light," "Meant To Be") and host writer **Daniel Ross** ("Lies Lies," "Break It In").

Dillon brought the title, Ross introduced a spacious drum loop, and Tompkins started playing a punchy, staccato pattern on acoustic guitar. The music suggested swagger, danger and mystery, and "Friday Night Heartbreaker" quickly became a song about an irresistible woman at a bar.

"I always love those kinds of characters, something like the femme fatale thing," Dillon says. "I'll always picture like a **Salma Hayek** in my head, or honestly, like a **Pam Anderson**. I always liked that character as a chick. I mean, I feel like there's enough songs about guys breaking somebody's heart, so let the girl do it sometimes."

They started at the chorus, digging in with a melody that oozed tension. The first words in that chorus, "She'll get ya hypnotized," started a cascade of rhymes: "them eyes," "disguise" and an uncommon word for a country song, "victimized."

"Some of the rhymes are not typical," Ross says. "I feel like when you find a good way to end the line with an interesting rhyme, you can get a lot of depth and a lot of runway."

They introduced the title in the third line of the stanza and repeated it in the sixth, where the chorus could have easily ended. But Miller rolled on: "Hell-raiser/Game player/Better do yourself a favor."

From there, they kicked into the opening lines, introducing the woman immediately as a cruel seductress. It included a warning: A man could "turn to stone just looking at her." It's a reference to Medusa, a fictitious goddess with snakes writhing from her scalp — so ugly anyone who gazed upon her would permanently freeze in place. The song's temptress flips the metaphor — she's the opposite of ugly — but it makes its point.

"We didn't know much about Greek mythology," Ross deadpans.

Miller insisted on altering the melody and the phrasing in verse two, and the passage became quicker and more forward-leaning. It also characterized the woman's addictive "venom" that can get a man's "tail spinning." Those phrases subtly carry through the Medusa imagery.

They'd already fashioned "Friday Night Heartbreaker" with unusual musical tones and rare-for-country plot points. Before it was over, they tagged the whole piece with a final warming sign: "Buy her a drink and you're paying later."

"That's one of the coolest parts of the song to me," Tompkins says. "What's cool about it is that you only get it one time."

The song, and accompanying demo, were completed in two separate writing sessions, and the publishers went to work finding someone to cut it. They didn't have to look far; Pardi had begun holding song meetings, letting them know he would be pushing his limits with Joyce in May. Concord senior director of A&R **Matt Turner** got the song on Pardi's radar, and he was completely seduced by it.

"I liked how it was kind of giving you a warning that this hot girl's going to break your heart," Pardi says. "I feel like girls really like those kinds of songs. And it's got that spookiness and sexiness that just really stuck out to me."

Joyce brought Pardi's band to Neon Cross for preproduction, and he was so excited about "Friday Night Heartbreaker" that it was the first song he hashed out with the band, even though Pardi couldn't make the start of the day. They moved the staccato acoustic guitar part to electric; put a rolling, Petty-like riff in the intro; added some instrumental licks at the end of a couple sections; and had fiddler **Billy McClaran** play chippy rhythm, overlapped with drums plus guitar and/or keyboards. Joyce recorded the preproduction just in case, and he used parts of that performance for the final version.

Somewhere in the process, Joyce added in a talk box, the effect associated with Walsh's "Rocky Mountain Way" and **Peter Frampton**'s "Do You Feel Like We Do." It's made only rare appearances in country, most prominently in **Ras-cal Flatts**" "Me and My Gang." Joyce smartly balanced the unusual talk-box snarl with squealing fiddle licks.

"It's outside of the box for Pardi," Tompkins says, "but I think he's just creating a new box."

Pardi delivered his vocals in Neon Cross' converted sanctuary, with the band watching. Despite the song's edgy nature, Pardi conveys it with notable nuance, dropping extra descending notes at the end of some phrases, evincing a quiet vulnerability in others. Having an audience, instead of singing in a vocal booth, possibly made a difference.

"They heard me sing every line," Pardi says. "I had so many band guys come up to me like, 'Man, you really sung your ass off on that song."

Dillon came by the studio near the end of the session, and the atmosphere impressed her.

"It was fun to see how hyped they all were about it," she says. "Then to actually hear it, you're like, 'Well, holy shit.' I just can't say enough about what Jay and Jon did with it."

Once "Friday Night Heartbreaker" was completed, there was some debate in Pardi's camp about the talk box, though it ultimately stayed in.

"It just was so cool," Pardi says. "I was like, 'We got to leave it.'

Capitol Nashville released it on Sept. 6 as the first single from Pardi's next album, placing his familiar voice in an unexpected context.

"'Friday Night Heartbreaker' really screamed, 'This is brand-new,'" Pardi says. "You never heard me like this." •







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2	2	2	79	MORGAN WALLEN ONE THING AT A TIME BIG LOUD/MERCURY 037570*/REPUBLIC	5	
3	4	3	10	ZACH BRYAN THE GREAT AMERICAN BAR SCENE BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER (093624839989*)		
4	5	4	191	MORGAN WALLEN DANGEROUS: THE DOUBLE ALBUM BIG LOUD 033180 ⁺ /REPUBLIC	6	
5	6	5	54	ZACH BRYAN ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		
6	7	7	120	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER		
7	8	6	7	SOUNDTRACK TWISTERS: THE ALBUM UNIVERSAL PICTURES/ATLANTIC 075678606632*/AG		
8	9	8	14	SHABOOZEY WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING AMERICAN DGWODD 1023*/EMPIRE		
9	11	9	379	LUKE COMBS THE STATE OF THIS ONE'S FOR YOU RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 538883*/SMN	6	
10	3	_	2	LAINEY WILSON WHIRLWIND BROKEN BOW/BMG 964054442*/BBMG		
Ð	16	20	299	TOBY KEITH 35 BIGGEST HITS SHOW DOG-UNIVERSAL 010334/UME		
12	12	10	76	LUKE COMBS GETTIN' OLD RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 877494*/SMN		
13	13	11	69	BAILEY ZIMMERMAN RELIGIOUSLY. THE ALBUM. ELEKTRA/WARNER MUSIC NASHVILLE 712554*/3EE/WMN		:
2	15	13	327	MORGAN WALLEN IF I KNOW ME BIG LOUD 783* IF I KNOW ME	3	
15	14	12	8	MEGAN MORONEY AM I OKAY? MEGAN MORONEY(COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 281342*/SMN/COLUMBIA		
16	17	14	488	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	6	
Ð	19	15	147	TAYLOR SWIFT RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION) REPUBLIC 034504*		
18	20	17	252	LUKE COMBS WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET RIVER HOUSE/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 595687*/SMN	5	
19	18	16	7	KOE WETZEL 9 LIVES YELLABUSH 800551*/COLUMBIA (VINYL)		
20	48	41	12	LUKE COMBS FATHERS & SONS SEVEN RIDGES/COLUMBIA NASHVILLE 281426*/SMN		
21	21	21	66	JELLY ROLL WHITSITT CHAPEL BAILEE & BUDDY/BROKEN BOW/BMG 538907672*/BBMG		
22	22	19	199	CHRIS STAPLETON STARTING OVER MERCURY NASHVILLE 032689*/UMGN		
23	10	_	2	THOMAS RHETT ABOUT A WOMAN FIFTY-ONE/FORTY-NINE/VALORY 00843930111237*/BMLG		1
2)	27	26	397	GEORGE STRAIT 50 NUMBER ONES MCA NASHVILLE 000459/UMGN (25.98)	7	
23	28	25	113	ZACH BRYAN ELISABETH BELTING BRONCO DIGITAL EX/WARNER		1

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3	3	3	54	ZACH BRYAN ZACH BRYAN BELTING BRONCO 725898*/WARNER		1
4	4	4	120	ZACH BRYAN AMERICAN HEARTBREAK BELTING BRONCO 86979*/WARNER		1
5	5	5	14	SHABOOZEY WHERE I'VE BEEN, ISN'T WHERE I'M GOING AMERICAN DOGWOOD 1023*/EMPIRE		1
6	6	7	480	HOZIER HOZIER HOZIER RUBYWORKS/COLUMBIA 309996*/LEGACY	3	1
Ø	NE	w	1	NICK CAVE & THE BAD SEEDS WILD GOD BAD SEED 023*/PIAS		7
8	7	6	434	CHRIS STAPLETON TRAVELLER MERCURY NASHVILLE 019405*/UMGN	6	1
9	NE	W	1	NOAH KAHAN NOAH KAHAN (LIVE FROM FENWAY PARK) MERCURY DIGITAL EX/REPUBLIC		9
10	8	8	7	KOE WETZEL 9 LIVES YELLABUSH 800551*/COLUMBIA (VINYL)		3

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0	1	21	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) SHABOOZEY	1	1	21	A BAR SONG (TIPSY) SHABOOZEY
2	2	17	I HAD SOME HELP Post malone feat. Morgan Wallen	2	2	17	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA LUKE COMBS
3	3	15	PINK SKIES ZACH BRYAN	8	5	2	A LOT MORE FREE MAX MCNOWN
4	5	9	LIES LIES Morgan Wallen	4	4	16	I HAD SOME HELP Post malone feat. Morgan Wallen
6	6	16	AIN'T NO LOVE IN OKLAHOMA LUKE COMBS	5	3	13	I AM NOT OKAY JELLY ROLL
6	4	54	I REMEMBER EVERYTHING ZACH BRYAN FEAT. KACEY MUSGRAVES	6	7	11	YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOVE ME ELLA LANGLEY FEAT. RILEY GREEN
0	7	49	COWGIRLS MORGAN WALLEN FEAT. ERNEST	0	NE	w	SHIPS THAT DON'T COME IN JOE DIFFIE, TOBY KEITH & LUKE COMBS
8	13	9	28 ZACH BRYAN	8	6	18	MILES ON IT MARSHMELLO & KANE BROWN
9	10	18	MILES ON IT MARSHMELLO & KANE BROWN	9	8	6	LONELY ROAD MGK & JELLY ROLL
0	11	84	LAST NIGHT MORGAN WALLEN	10	11	15	PINK SKIES ZACH BRYAN
0	12	124	SOMETHING IN THE ORANGE ZACH BRYAN	11	12	10	POUR ME A DRINK POST MALONE FEAT. BLAKE SHELTON
12	9	6	GUY FOR THAT POST MALONE FEAT. LUKE COMBS	12	RE-EI	NTRY	AUSTIN DASHA
ß	15	26	AUSTIN DASHA	13	13	17	COWGIRLS MORGAN WALLEN FEAT. ERNEST
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Ð	17	12	I AM NOT OKAY Jelly Roll	Ð	RE-EI	NTRY	HIGH ROAD KOE WETZEL & JESSIE MURPH
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18	8	11	POUR ME A DRINK Post malone feat. Blake shelton	7	/		
19	16	3	LOSERS Post malone feat. Jelly Roll			1	A ST
20	22	11	WHISKEY WHISKEY MONEYBAGG YO FEAT. MORGAN WALLEN				Steady Harris
21	19	76	FAST CAR LUKE COMBS				ABS OF MARCE
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0	N	w	1	STEEP CANYON RANGERS LIVE AT GREENFIELD LAKE YEP ROC 3096*		1
2	1	1	8	BILLY STRINGS LIVE, VOL. 1 REPRISE 093624844778*/WARNER		1
3	2	-	2	CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER WITH CHAO TIAN FROM CHINA TO APPALACHIA COMMUNITY MUSIC 1424		2
4	3	8	8	BRIDGE CITY SINNERS IN THE AGE OF DOUBT		2
6	N	w	1	THE GRASCALS 20 MOUNTAIN HOME 22342/CROSSROADS		5
6	5	7	59	MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY CITY OF GOLD NONESUCH 698603*/WARNER		1
0	RE-E	NTRY	15	CHICK COREA & BELA FLECK REMEMBRANCE BELA FLECK 83731*/THIRTY TIGERS		1
8	RE-E	NTRY	27	OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW JUBILEE ATO 0882573423*		1
9	4	3	3	THE PO' RAMBLIN' BOYS WANDERERS LIKE ME SMITHSONIAN FOLKWAYS 40267*		3
Ð	RE-E	NTRY	20	BELA FLECK RHAPSODY IN BLUE BELA FLECK 83939*/THIRTY TIGERS		1

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