

JESSICA RIDLEY

Fit To Be Tied

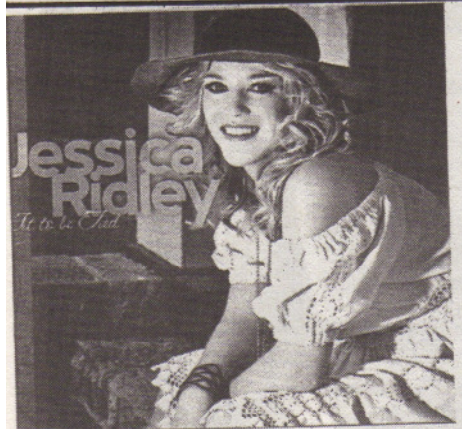
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Produced by: Billy Simon

(12 Selections - Playing Time 39:04)

Fit To Be Tied / Hit And Run / Make It Right / Home To Me / Velvet Sky / Bluer Than Bluegrass / Play With You / Cinderella Shoes / Misery / Rain / Because I'm Not / Fit To Be Tied (Rodeo Re-mix)

Jessica Ridley may be Canada's first bonafide answer to Taylor Swift...the Airdrie, Alberta, newcomer has a similar vocal delivery to the young Nashville star, but with less 'pop' and more of a 'country' feel. Like Swift, Jessica Ridley is also quite adept at writing her music, with her pen involved in



several of the songs featured on this debut album.

The album opens and closes with one of her co-written efforts in *Fit To Be Tied*. We hear it first as a quasi-rap type song, and the reprise version is given what is billed as a "rodeo re-mix". Either way, it grabs your attention. The first single release from the package is an uptempo tune in *Hit And Run*, and it should generate decent airplay.

There are several items here that stand out, none more so than the country tune *Bluer Than Bluegrass*, which gets a bit of a bluegrass feel thanks largely to the fiddle, mandolin and dobro licks provided by Nashville session player Wanda Vick (her work is highlighted throughout the album). Jessica Ridley delivers the song with a smooth and effective vocal, something that is prevalent on most all of the selections.

Listen also for strong items in the bouncy *Play With You* and *Make It Right*, and some mellow tones on *Home To Me* and *Velvet Sky*. The song *Rain* has a Paul McCartney feel to it, and while not particularly 'country', it certainly comes off sounding great.

The album was produced in Nashville studios by Billy Simon. The album's graphics, photos and artwork are some of the best ever seen on a Canadian album, especially for a debuting artist. The album in its entirety deserves special attention.

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