



April Verch Band "Broken" - Official Music Video

**April Verch***Bright Like Gold*

Slab Town Records

With a light twang in her voice and a sweet handling of the fiddle, Canadian artist **April Verch** proves herself to be a rich interpreter of Appalachian-style folk tunes on her latest album "Bright Like Gold." She'd fit right in on "Prairie Home Companion" and with Alison Krauss and company on the "O Brother" soundtrack. "Gold" brings a spit shine to traditionals like "Evening Star Waltz" and "Big Eyed Rabbit," as well as a spunky cover of Loretta Lynn's "Don't Come Home a Drinkin'." But it's a testament to Verch's talent that originals like the smitten "The Only One" and remorseful "Broken," whose pain is softened by the rootsy arrangement, blend in so easily with older material. And "Raven in the Hemlock," Cody Walter's banjo-driven instrumental, would fit perfectly on an episode of FX's Kentucky lawman adventure series "Justified." That show's music supervisor needs to seriously get Verch's phone number.

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