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What I'm Listening To



EAST VILLAGE GUTTER TROUBADOUR

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What have you been listening to lately?

I really like the Hold Steady's *Boys and Girls in America*. I want to cover "You Can Make Him Like You." You can hear Thin Lizzy and Springsteen in there. I like how the lyrics are very descriptive, but the band has a real raw energy. It's kind of a cool mix. Plus, they've got lots of songs about getting fucked up, which is always good.

Bruce Springsteen guests on your new album. What's your favorite Springsteen song?

He's got a lot of good ones, but I like "The Promise," on *18 Tracks*. It's about having wishes and dreams, and also being self-destructive and fucking them up and being able to see the humor in it.

What are some definitive New York albums?

Definitely the first five Ramones albums, especially *Rocket to Russia* and *Road to Ruin*. They make me want to walk down Second Avenue and go to Coney Island and drink beers with my friends.

What song do you most want to be remembered for?

"God Is Dead," by my first hardcore band, Heart Attack, because it's the fastest one. Speed kills, man! K.A.

Glitter in the Gutter (Adeline/East West) is out March 6.