

Artist: Jesse Malin
 Album: *Glitter in the Gutter*
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An NYC native, Jesse Malin has been able to incorporate his life lessons into his music by creating an edgy pop sound that establishes his preferred sound for the unique and old style of The Clash, Queens of the Stone Age and many more classics. Malin's ability to create messages and storylines in his lyrics makes his music identifiable and comfort zone worthy for everyone. Malin's storylines have amazing everyday characters like women and children that he not only characterizes and brings to life, but also keeps them hoping. *Glitter in the Gutter* is about keeping the hope for the future and to keep going no matter what happens. The sound itself could use a little bit of work by creating more melodic harmonies, and by strengthening his vocals. Malin's music consists of modern pop, hence the electric guitar with the edginess and originality of old rock. *Glitter in the Gutter* also features gifted artists such as Josh Homme (Queens of the Stone Age), Bruce Springsteen, Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters), Jakob Dylan and finally Ryan Adams. All in all, this album has a great realistic and personal message that can only be heard when you're in need of an emotional boost.

