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Lucinda Williams, 'New York Comeback'



A characteristic grit and defiance courses through “New York Comeback,” a new single from the country-rock legend [Lucinda Williams](#), which features Bruce Springsteen and his wife and bandmate, Patti Scialfa, on backing vocals. The song comes from “Stories from a Rock N Roll Heart,” Williams’s forthcoming album and her first release since suffering a stroke in 2020. That context adds a bit of weight to the song, but as ever, Williams is gimlet-eyed and unsentimental, singing in her signature growl, “No one’s brought the curtain down, maybe you should stick around.”

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