

## Chick Singers

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Well this bald headed girl I know sent me a tape of Bjork and Courtney  
Love  
And PJ Harvey, called it brilliant women  
I put it in my car, heard it all the way down to the coast  
Normally if left to my own devices I don't hear chick singers much  
I guess it's guys I hear the most  
Sometimes these days don't it seem like it's enough for  
girls to love a girl or  
use the f word prominently  
masturbate in public or  
learn guitar tied up to a post  
I thought of all this hearing Bjork and Courtney Love and PJ Harvey  
In my car driving to the coast  
Tori Amos, Liz Phair, Sinead O'Connor, Suzanne Vega, Jill Sobule,  
Melissa Etheridge,  
Tracy Chapman, Ani DiFranco, Michelle Shocked  
Everyone of them has something kind of special that I like  
But every now and then while listening to them I feel like when we were  
kids  
I pulled their hair or stole their bike  
These days it seems like there's a lot of girls who sing and some of  
them are good and  
Some of them are not, but it's always kind of cool that  
Moment when they first step to the mike  
If I was a girl I could sing real high and also then I'd know what  
having  
Breasts would be like  
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I started thinking 'bout  
Kate Bush, Patsy Cline, Billy Holiday, Janis Joplin, Bessie Smith, Patti  
Smith,  
Annie Lennox, Chrissie Hynde, and Bonnie Raitt  
Seems like there's an awful lot of women in whose honor I would  
Like to raise my glass to in a toast  
Some of them are still alive and some I hear their voices like a ghost  
Maybe next Thursday I'll throw a party and invite every woman that  
Ever sang a song, oh, this would be a party that I think I would like  
to  
be the host  
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