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THE PLAYLIST

Sabrina Carpenter Flirts With Country, and 12 More New Songs

Hear Dolly Parton duet with the young star and tracks from Selena Gomez and Benny Blanco, plus Drake and PartyNextDoor.

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NLE Choppa, '[Crescent Moon](#)'

The Memphis rapper NLE Choppa sets aside the tough-guy boasts of his teens and offers a detailed apology in “Crescent Moon.” Descending chords circle behind him as looks back at his past: “Manipulator misogynistic narcissistic I’m put in that statistic but wasn’t my intentions / Life came at a baby boy too fast I was 16 with the world in my hands.” He begs for forgiveness for neglecting a pregnant girlfriend and vows to “fix the void.” And he makes his remorse sound genuine. PARELES