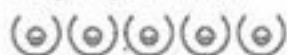




BETTE SMITH
Jetlagger

(Big Legal Mess)



Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn-born singer Bette Smith combines the sounds of vintage R&B, funk, and gospel with contemporary pop/rock on her dynamic debut album, *Jetlagger*. Equipped with a wide-ranging, powerhouse voice (in the tradition of Tina Turner and Betty Davis, with nods to Macy Gray and Sharon Jones as well) and a take-no-prisoners attitude, Smith gives her all on soul-inspired originals like "Shackle & Chain," "Manchild," and "Durty Hustlin'," as well as on several covers, including kickin' renditions of Lone Justice's "I Found Love" and "City In the Sky" by the Staple Singers.

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