



JOY ASKEW, “Drunk on You” (self-released) ★★☆☆½ — Singer/songwriter Joy Askew comes *this*close to a career-defining album with “Drunk on You,” her fourth studio

effort. She has a voice perfectly suited for melodic indie rock and she uses it to full effect on this 10-track release. The pitch-perfect title track opens the set and had me thinking that Askew was on her way to a masterpiece, but the rest of the album — while enjoyable — can’t maintain that lofty standard.

There are some other nuggets to discover here, most notably the fantastic “Had a Bad Day,” my second-favorite tune; “I Broke the Law”; “Walk Under Waterfalls,” “All the Little Birds” and “You Have to Think.” Not a classic record, but one that merits multiple spins. (JS)