

(5.10.17) <http://www.tennessean.com/story/entertainment/2017/05/10/exclusive-see-bailey-bryans-video-used-to/316597001/>

## Exclusive: See Bailey Bryan's video for "Used To"

Messages swirl through country newcomer Bailey Bryan's head. At 19, she's been coming to Nashville to write songs for the last four years. The singer says her music rides the line between pop and country, but that when she sits down to create, her only concern is to serve the song.

"I want it to sound almost how it wants to sound," Bryan said. "I think that over anything else, I want the underlying theme in my music to be honesty. I try and be a self-aware person and I'm a pretty positive person."

Bryan, who is signed to Warner Music Nashville/300 Entertainment, released her first EP "So Far" in April and made her debut on The Grand Ole Opry in May. She gave The Tennessean the exclusive video for her song "Used To," which she wrote with Michael Hardy and Dennis Matkosky.

"There's something so fulfilling about just creating and then co-writing and walking into the room with a stranger and walking out with something that has pieces of everybody in it," said the teen, who co-wrote all five songs on "So Far." "It's really cool."

When people find out Bryan grew up in Washington state, she said their first question is always, "Why country music?" For her the answer is easy: She wants to write songs for people who want to hear them.

"I personally think it's awesome, the blurring of lines that's happening between genres in the music world," she said. "I think there's a lot of room for all different kinds of music and combinations of it. I like creating and releasing my music in a space where listeners are still interested in the song — it's about more than a catchy melody and an image. It's really about the story you're telling."

Catch Bryan when she plays CMA Music Festival, which is June 8-11 in downtown Nashville.

