



## 10 Best Country Songs of 2015 So Far: Artists' Picks

We talked to Kelsea Ballerini, Thomas Rhett, Chris Young and more about their favorite tunes of the past six months

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We're just a little more than halfway through 2015, and country music has already been filled to the brim with controversy ("Tomatogate," for one) and banner moments (like New York's first-ever country music festival, FarmBorough). But perhaps most importantly, it's had a slew of top-notch singles. We asked Kelsea Ballerini, Thomas Rhett, Jerrod Niemann, Chris Young and several more artists what their favorites of the year are so far, and their answers ranged from crushing on "Girl Crush" to admiring Chris Stapleton's super soulful "Traveller." (Their compiled playlist is above, with commentary below.)

Thomas Rhett: "'Traveller' (Chris Stapleton) is my jam. I'm just the biggest, most crazy Chris Stapleton fan that ever existed, and anything he puts out just blows my mind."