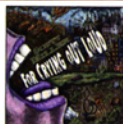


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Scott Miller and the Commonwealth For Crying Out Loud [F.A.Y. Recordings]

You'd expect an album dubbed *For Crying Out Loud* to possess a certain amount of tenacity, and for Scott Miller, that feisty attitude comes naturally. A former member of the V-Roys, this Knoxville, Tenn.-based singer/songwriter/guitarist received an apprenticeship of sorts when the band backed Steve Earle, and he's furthered that no-nonsense approach through his own efforts.

Four albums on, Miller and the Commonwealth successfully combine Southern grit and homespun sentiments into songs that are, by turns, delicate, defiant, whimsical and rebellious. Miller's never had a problem tweaking his country-crossed template, but here he swings to opposite extremes, opting for back-porch sentiment with the heartfelt "She's Still Mine" and "I'm Right Here, My Love" (sung with Patty Griffin) and then veering closer to the Who than the homegrown on the riveting "Iron Gate." That versatility and variety finds *For Crying Out Loud* speaking volumes. —LZ

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