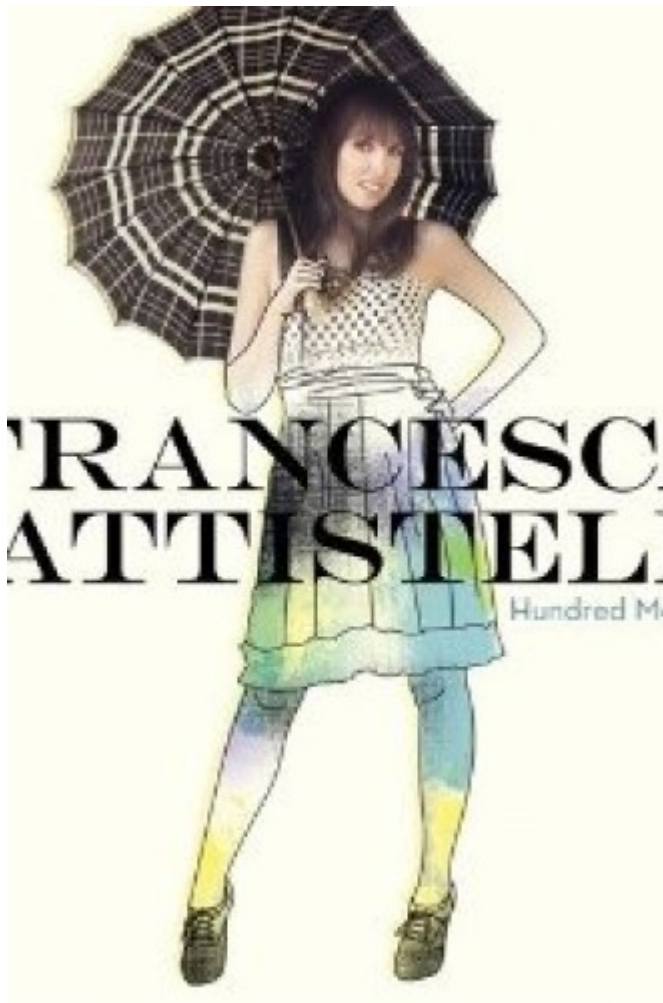


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In Review



Hundred More Years

by Francesca Battistelli
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Dove Award winner Francesca Battistelli has proved to be a refreshing breeze in the musty swamp of the Christian music industry, delivering material that sparkles with energy and vibrancy. Only in her mid-twenties, Battistelli has ears for a great hook and lyrical smarts to match. On "This Is the Stuff," she sings about how commonplace distractions keep her from connecting with the divine: "I lost my keys / In the great unknown. . . . In the middle of my little mess / I forget how big I'm blessed."