

Mp3 April Mclean - Becoming



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women through extreme hardships. Other artists featured on The Mercy Project include Martina McBride, Amy Grant and Donna Summer. April released her first independent cd, 'Becoming', in 2002 and received glowing reviews from a variety of journalists including AllMusic.com: "An emotional and melodic triumph, 'Becoming' showcases a brilliant artist who stands shoulder-to-shoulder with Sarah McLachlan, Shawn Colvin and Jonatha Brooke." Several cuts from Becoming have been featured on the hit WB show Felicity, including the radio-ready 'Superhero', and were included in the best-selling DVD Video releases of Felicity's 1st 2nd seasons. Currently April is in the studio recording her new cd, 'Darbytown Road', expected to release in the fall of 2005. Feel free to visit [aprilmcleanand](#) join April's email list to receive occasional info concerning her tourdates and upcoming cd and ep releases.

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