

Mp3 Driftwood - Count The Stars



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"Songs slip and slide through acoustic and electric, flourid and spare arrangements, but all convey the same earnestness and unrest that strives for epic and universal proportions..." Kate Bredimus

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