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It seemed like a culture shift when, 10 years ago, Moby famously managed to license every track off his Playalbum for use in commercials, TV or film. Not that it was an isolated phenomenon even then—Fatboy Slim had come close to the same feat with You've Come a Long Way, Baby, released the year before Play. But the upshot was that the tired baby boomer notion of "selling out" was officially chucked out the window. And given the dwindling revenue sources for musicians these days, it's a damn good thing.

Now comes Salme Dahlstrom, who claims as of this month to have repeated Moby's accomplishment by licensing every track of her 2008 LP, *The Acid Cowgirl Audio Trade*. Dahlstrom produced the album in her own NYC studio, creating a DIY version of Lady Gaga or mid-period Goldfrapp, then placed songs in ads for Quiznos, Subaru, Nike, Bank of America, Vodafone and others, as well as TV shows like *One Tree Hill, Laguna Beach* and *The Hills*.

Now Salme's releasing a third single from the record called "Hello California." We were curious about a sound that sells so well to ad execs and TV producers. So we got a free MP3 for y'all. It's a remix of "Hello California" by Latvian duo Quadrat Beat. Download and enjoy.

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