

# Bic Runga Breaks Cover

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*Bic Runga*

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If you haven't heard of Bic Runga, like **Michael Chapman** she is one of those singer-songwriters who deserves to be better known. Granted the veteran from Leeds has a head start on her, having released his first album seven years before she was born, but the charming Miss Runga has a **unique sound** that deserves to be heard both more often and more widely.

If *you* haven't heard of her, she exploded onto the music scene in 1997 with *Drive*, having previously taken minor honours. *Drive* went platinum seven times in her native New Zealand, and therein lies the problem. Although it has long had a real music scene, including 1970s glam rockers like **Space Waltz**, and a band called **Stellar\*** (she might just have heard of) as she has acknowledged herself in the past, it is too isolated, even in the cyber age. She has been around a bit though, including to both the US (where she spent some time) and France. She has also appeared on UK breakfast TV which exposed the

British public to the magical *Get Some Sleep. Sway*, which is far from her best song, has been covered left, right and centre.



Since the phenomenal success of *Drive* though she has released only three albums: *Beautiful Collision*, *Birds* and *Belle*. There is also a compilation, but *Belle* dates to 2011. So what is she doing now? Well, next month and July she will be performing four dates in New Zealand with another singer-songwriter, Hollie Fulbrook. One can only hope this will lead to if not bigger and greater things then more frequent ones.

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