

The Playlist: Ariana Grande Shows Her Heart, and 8 More New Songs

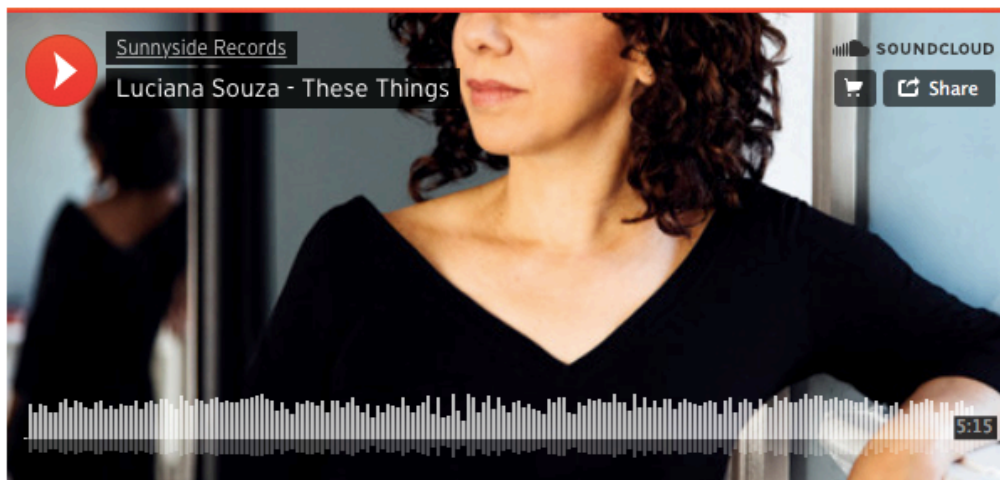
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Luciana Souza, ‘These Things’



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Little in the accomplished career of Luciana Souza, a flexible and transfixing Brazilian jazz singer, feels as charged with purpose as [“The Book of Longing.”](#) The album, due later this month, features poems by [Leonard Cohen](#) and Edna St. Vincent Millay, as well as Ms. Souza herself — all of which she set to music. Accompanied by just Scott Colley’s bass, Chico Pinheiro’s toasty guitar and her own occasional hand percussion, Ms. Souza strikes an interrogative stance on “These Things,” a lulling original. “These are the words we’ve come to call our gods,” she sings, wondering after the power and limits of language. “These are the books we read.” GIOVANNI RUSSONELLO