



Today, we are super excited to be world premiering Claydon Connor's brand new single 'Don't Give Up On Us' from his forthcoming new album (in fact it's so new that he's never even performed it live!). Fresh off a stellar performance at C2C Festival 2015, on the cusp of a great set at this year's Isle of Wight Festival, and following an amazing year that saw the release of his album ['Under The Big Sky'](#) and the country music community embracing him, it's clear things are only going to get better for this English gentleman. Combining Americana with classic British pop credentials, Claydon's proficient musicianship extends from guitar to harmonica while lashings of pedal steel, organ and much more are prominent throughout his music.

And while he notes influences on his last album ranging from John Mayer to Neil Young, to Fleetwood Mac, Tom Petty and beyond, Claydon takes a remarkably different turn for new single 'Don't Give Up On Us'. Set to an extremely stripped-back arrangement that largely consists of piano and subtle, shimmering organ for depth, sweet mandolin enters from the second verse onwards in a gradual build-up of texture that is enough to gently accompany the song without overpowering it. Front and centre are Claydon's vocals, clear, simple and honest, carrying the lyrical weight of a track that is emotionally powerful and increasingly passionate as it progresses. This track, one that could easily have been performed live to tape in one take, is certainly a change of pace to his usual guitar-based, moderately-upbeat, cheerful tunes, but it's a change that suits him well, showcasing his versatility without straying too far from what provided him a loyal fan base in the first place.

You can check out the brand new song exclusively with us below, and buy it from iTunes when it goes live on Sunday, May 17th. Enjoy!