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Shawna Virago: Heaven Sent Delinquent

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[Shawna Virago](#) has been transgender pioneer way before it was cool. She's lived and performed as a trans woman since the '90s so she knows a thing or two about storytelling and custom designing several extra sets of skin.

The ten tracks on her latest album ***Heaven Sent Delinquent*** could serve as a how-to guide for escaping repression, the

confinements of a physical place, and the past. Her work is not just a resting place for trans and queer artists, anyone can find these stories relatable and soothing.

Virago cuts away the bullshit and gets right to the heart of the matter. She's a phrase bender and a sardonic wordsmith. She can be heavy and funny at the same time, providing healing to an old or recent wound.

Virago explains the album's origins, saying, "These are the stories of my generation – a generation of transgender people who came out long before the internet, before transgender celebrities and reality TV stars... before anybody gave a shit about us. Her voice is reminiscent of Hope Sandoval of Mazzy Star but is certainly her own. With her voice and guitar, Virago has made dent after dent into the mainstream, properly and famously representing the LGBTQ community.

She likes to call her particular merry band of troublemakers from the songs on Heaven Sent Delinquent "brawling women, dandy provocateurs and queer rebel misfits." She's got that right.

[Gender Armageddon by Shawna Virago - OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO](#)

Production:

Shawna Virago and recorded/engineered/mixed by Laura Dean

Heaven Sent Delinquent Tracklisting:

1. Bright Green Ideas
 2. Gender Armageddon
 3. The Ballad of Miss Suzy Texas
 4. Last Nights Sugar
 5. Heaven Sent Delinquent
 6. Burnout
 7. Anniversary Song
 8. The Pleasure Car
 9. Holy Rollers
 10. Land of Guns and Honey
- Making of Heaven Sent Delinquent

[THE MAKING OF Shawna Virago's "Heaven Sent Delinquent"](#)

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