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The Last Town Chorus

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Curing ills, while her steel guitar gently weeps

As *The OC*'s Bait Shop goes the way of *Beverly Hills 90210*'s Peach Pit, options for television exposure are getting weirder—witness the Last Town Chorus' glacial cover of David Bowie's "Modern Love," which underscored a flirtation between an intern and a heart patient on *Grey's Anatomy*. But that association is easily overcome by the clear, gliding voice of Megan Hickey—who sings like a corn-fed Cocteau Twin—and the screams and exaltations of her lap steel, which elsewhere complement tales of snow, strawberry wine, and ninth-grade Smiths fandom. SEAN HOWE



The Last Town Chorus' Megan Hickey: Steely eyes, steel guitar