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**JC STEWART RELEASES DEBUT EP *WHEN THE LIGHT HITS THE ROOM***

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Rising Elektra recording artist **JC Stewart**has released his eagerly anticipated debut EP ***When The Light Hits The Room*.** Written with BRIT Award-winning singer/songwriter Tom Odell, the collection is available to stream and download starting today [HERE](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsunshineboy.co%2Fwhenthelighthitstheroom&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224768478%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=truv55KvVAW8%2FxHwomzRme5p4qCnSmW9KYr3lMdxa98%3D&reserved=0). *When The Light Hits The Room*is highlighted by JC’s new single “Rest Of My Life”. Listen to the track [HERE](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F7gn9sdme1vY&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224778473%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vDABYIlHNGlHjvTeZe8NbHwCUsshcQ1tekvRdvVVwNk%3D&reserved=0).

The duo’s creative connection resulted in four thematically linked songs, which set emotive stories of the growing pains of young adulthood to songs that balance immediately addictive pop hooks with heartfelt reflection. JCthen recorded the EP with the GRAMMY® Award-nominated producer Two Inch Punch (Rex Orange County, Sam Smith, Rag N Bone Man).

*“I wrote ‘When The Light Hits The Room’ about growing up and searching for the end goal that would make everything make sense,”*says JC Stewart.*“I realized that the finishing point might not even exist, but came to accept that it’s ok. I wrote a lot of this EP in the back room of my parents’ house over lockdown and then was lucky enough to work with one of my heroes, Tom Odell, to bring it all together. I’m unbelievably proud to call my first ever small body of work.”*

The EP’s lead track “Rest Of My Life” perfectly captures that concept. Driven by JC’s candid admission “*I just want to find someone that I can spend the rest of my life with,”* the song’s unguarded subject matter is magnified by the production. JC’s voice is enriched with subtle creative twists to elevate his harmonies and backing vocals. Meanwhile, pulsating percussion provides a modern pop feel that enlivens his lovelorn lyrics.

The remaining tracks reiterate the strength of the duo’s collaboration. “Valium” recalls a fractured relationship and builds into a climactic crescendo, before the melancholy piano of “Friday Night” craves the brief respite from day-to-day life that the weekend brings. It ends, however, on a high. “Hard To Believe” suggests that the hopes he expressed in “Rest Of My Life”are coming true, with a tender celebration of how *“a girl like you should never love a man like me.”*

JC Stewart launched the EP last night with a special acoustic livestream show, hosted at The Luney in his hometown of Magherafeltin Northern Ireland. After debuting new songs alongside some fan favorites, JC followed his set by inviting questions for a Q&A session.

JCwill kickstart a big year ahead of him in 2021 by releasing his boldest pop song to date in the shape of his huge upcoming single “Break My Heart”. Set to arrive on January 8th, the track will beJC’s first ever vinyl release and will also be released digitally. Launched at last night’s show, “Break My Heart” is now available to pre-order [HERE](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsunshineboy.co%2Fbreakmyheart-preorder&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224778473%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hExBAVFAnxwit2qR3OWC0M%2Bxc1WHwwQ%2BsgpATLKeVCg%3D&reserved=0).

The young artist has been embraced by the wider music community. He co-wrote “Hollywood” from Lewis Capaldi’s chart-topping debut album and has played shows with his old friend, as well as artists such as Lauv, Anne-Marie, and Maisie Peters. The depth of his songwriting is countered by his quick wit and self-deprecating sense of humor. That resulted in him going viral with his[quarantine-themed take](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.instagram.com%2Fp%2FB-7of0jnL-A%2F&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224778473%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=A97Dv8NZrIga2jVzpXdxfWBcA4XpbXpXdE3RXJfNFtc%3D&reserved=0) on the *Friends* theme “I’ll Be There For You”, which was featured on [*Good Morning America*](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.instagram.com%2Fp%2FB_kxbBEnNLC%2F&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224788473%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Wxzs7ad6aV9mcutHwP4rsh1aklAl4BkJK199mNsniX0%3D&reserved=0)*, TODAY, Access Hollywood,*and more.

JC recently collaborated with 220 Kid on the track “[Too Many Nights](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F220kid.lnk.to%2FTooManyNightsJC&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224788473%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9s52eXOns7f3Sg18DfAG0R8XMbQ5gHlSPtB7XwCRfF4%3D&reserved=0)”. The song followed JC’s biggest single to date, “[I Need You To Hate Me](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnk.to%2Fineedyoutohateme&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224798459%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YWL1chE7SLm3aLdZqxLwhQGlPCs2VpMYDzKu9C2u6Ww%3D&reserved=0)”, which has already amassed 30 million streams. His earlier releases, including “[Lying That You Love Me](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnk.to%2Fltylm&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224798459%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6m4ZrKpC1UBMbgylhIWxbgXg2WGcdrYzNs%2FhWiIzyUg%3D&reserved=0)” and “[Pick Up Your Phone](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnk.to%2Fpickupyourphone&data=04%7C01%7CSydneyWorden%40elektra.com%7C189c30cb888c4e786b8d08d88264ae78%7C8367939002ec4ba1ad3d69da3fdd637e%7C0%7C0%7C637402716224808451%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=XIbv6WagSri%2FWcK6EsGHhdbRESg%2BLm0RI5iLssDgauw%3D&reserved=0)”, have resulted in his monthly listeners at Spotify climbing to 2.5 million, assisted by countless New Music Friday playlists.

***When The Light Hits The Room*** **Tracklisting**:

1. Rest Of My Life

2. Valium

3. Friday Night

4. Hard To Believe

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