

But we can't let bands from Philly, Brighton and Nashville dominate our discussion of summery guitar pop. If any place embodies the spirit of sun-soaked songs, it has to be California.

We'll start in San Diego where singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Tamar Berk will soon self-release her third solo album, *tiny injuries*. The collection is musically hooky and lyrically moody, tapping a variety of influences ranging from **The Bangles** and **Liz Phair** to **Phoebe Bridgers** and **Lana del Rey**.

"I wanted *tiny injuries* to have the sort of feeling of making summer last longer. I want it to be something you'd play going on a road trip, hanging out by a pool, or listening to with the fans whirring while you lay in bed drinking an ice cold glass of Prosecco," Berk said.

The second single from *tiny injuries*, "if u know, u know," is a great example of how Berk captures that carefree vibe in a three-and-a-half minute pop song featuring lyrics like "The sun comes up and I'm already down." And "Sunday Driving" feels like a long lost Go-Go's hit, even as it tackles some serious subject matter in the lyrics.

