Tash Sultana releases music video for new single ‘Pretty Lady’

The Melbourne musician's new album is titled ‘Terra Firma’

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Melburnian singer-songwriter Tash Sultana has released their latest single, ‘Pretty Lady’ today (April 9). The track debuted live on triple j at 7:30am AEST. Its music video premiered later in the day.

The video features a number of people – “friends, family and fans”, according to Sultana – dancing at home to the song while in quarantine. It took two weeks to put together, with about 60 people all around the world, they explained in the live video chat that accompanied the premiere. Musicians dancing in the video include Baker Boy and members of the Teskey Brothers and Pierce Brothers.

Watch the video for ‘Pretty Lady’ below.
The news follows an Instagram post from Sultana on April 7, where they said they would be leaking the first track from their forthcoming album on Thursday.

Sultana mentioned the track would be familiar to fans “from back in my busking days”. They later added in the video’s live-chat that the song ‘Pretty Lady’ is six years old.

‘Pretty Lady’ was co-written by Sultana with Matt Corby and Dann Hume. In a press statement, Sultana explained: “I’ve been trying to figure out how to write this song for like 6 years. I used to loop it and just free style to it when I was busking years ago but I always got stuck on the same parts.

“I put the song in a box at the back of my mind and revisited it in November 2019. I had Dann Hume and Matt Corby spend some time in my studio and that’s when I decided to show them this song. It’s my first song I’ve collaborated with other players on.”

Watch a fan-recorded video of Sultana singing ‘Pretty Lady’ below, captured from their early busking days in Melbourne’s CBD.

Before the video premiered, Sultana live-streamed an acoustic performance on YouTube, in which they played unreleased music. In the video, they also revealed their new album is titled ‘Terra Firma’.

Revisit Sultana’s performance below:
Sultana had teased ‘Pretty Lady’ in February on Instagram. “Been doing a lot of this lately in my down time,” they captioned a photo of themselves surfing.

“Finding my place in the world in silence has been a weird time. Thank fuck for the ocean. I’m dropping a new tune soon. I’ve been really going to a different place with these new tunes, must be like a quarter life crisis or some shit.”

Sultana’s debut solo album, ‘Flow State’, was released in 2018. The album won the 2018 ARIA Award for Best Blues and Roots Album. They are currently slated to play at Japan’s Greenroom Festival on May 23, followed by dates in North America, Canada and Europe. The upcoming shows have yet to announce any cancellations/postponements.

Sultana last performed live at Melbourne bushfire relief concert Down To Earth on February 26. Also on the lineup were headliners Gang Of Youths, Briggs and Julia Stone, among others.