

MORNING GLOORY

Robin Meade's fans love her curves, her long legs, and her on-air manner. Only time will tell if they'll embrace the morning-show anchor as a country singer, but odds are in her favor.

By Alanna Nash

The star of HLN's *Morning Express With Robin Meade* thinks of herself as her viewers' emotional guardian. "My job is to get you up and get you going on the right side of the bed," says the ebullient TV journalist. One way she does that is by carefully choosing the music that leads in and out of commercials, which sets a tone in the studio as well. Readers of her 2009 autobiography, *Morning Sunshine! How to Radiate Confidence and Feel It Too*, know that Meade has triumphed over debilitating panic attacks that once threatened to sideline her career, and that she hummed songs just before her newscasts to tame her racing heart. But who knew the 42-year-old—voted sexiest newscaster by the online readers of a major men's magazine in 2004—could also sing? The proof arrives in *Brand New Day*, her first album, available exclusively on iTunes and in Target stores. The CD, which was produced by Victoria Shaw (Lady Antebellum), finds the Ohio native in a country frame of mind, with such big-name guests

