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If any of you need some inspiration to start writing new songs, I recommend you check out three fairly recent DVD releases (each of which is a must-see for any singer-songwriter): *Brian Wilson: Songwriter 1962-1969*, which explores the work of the genius behind the Beach Boys; *Troubadours* (with Carole King, James Taylor, Jackson Browne, and others), a look at the singer-songwriter boom of the early '70s in Los Angeles and the venue that nurtured it — The Troubadour on Santa Monica Blvd.; and *Bob Dylan Revealed*, a close, unauthorized look at different stages of the icon's life (including his conversion to Christianity and later return to Judaism). It's not remotely as good as Martin Scorsese's *No Direction Home*, but time spent with Dylan is never wasted.

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