

in *Straight Talk* for Disney's Hollywood Pictures.

Dolly will be showing off a different, non-country side of her singing abilities in the feature that's being termed a "thematic musical."

She's been busy writing songs for herself that range from country to pop to soulful ballads and working with composer Tim Rice to prep the movie's music.

● David Cassidy reports he's in negotiations to free his *David Cassidy* album from Enigma Records and "move it onto another label,

hopefully within the next month or so."

The disc, Cassidy's first in 12 years, was released last September and its *Lyin' to Myself* single and video performed well.

The teen idol of long ago expected the company to launch a second single early this year to further his musical comeback effort, "but then the company went bankrupt. I didn't see it coming. ... For me to tell you that it was a difficult pill to swallow after I'd spent a year and a half putting the album together,

well, it would be an understatement."

If all goes as he hopes, another *David Cassidy* single will be out by late spring or summer — in time to coincide with a concert tour.

Cassidy's also trying to keep things going on the acting front. His *Spirit of '76* is in release on the big screen, and he's just wrapped an episode of CBS's *The Flash* as guest villain Sam Scudder, "a kind of high-tech thief who is suave and witty, but an oily low-life underneath. ■