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March 2020 - August 2020

March 17, 2020, Covid started getting closer. I remember talking with my friends and saying it will never get to small town Homer, Saying "Are we really gonna get this bat virus". They said on March 17 we would be back in two weeks, I was excited, I didn't have to do school, I could play outside. Spend some quality family time. Little did we know two weeks would turn into what felt FOREVER. My parents having long conversations with my brother and I after we argued saying "You know you're lucky, you could be an only child, and have no friends, be kind to each other." Or "You guys don't know how lucky you have it." Hearing my dad saying that and feeling so lucky that it hasn't touched my family as close as others. My whole family is still in somewhat of one piece.

Doing online school and Google meets was never something you could prepare for. Doing online school was so hard, not the material, just not being able to see anyone. My mom is a first grade teacher at Barry Primary School, she missed her students immensely. My mom would go to her students' houses and they could read the book and do facebook live, for the other students to read/watch. I would facetime my bestfriend Cam everyday, sometimes for hours. I remember the first time we saw each other in person was when her mom came and drove her over. We had to be distanced and couldn't be near each other, It was in the thick of Covid and it was so hard. We kinda broke the rules and played tetherball. I can remember our parents freaking out and afraid we would get covid. I remember my first outing was at one of my best friend's houses. We all went camping in her backyard. Everyone got the speal that you don't touch each other, don't eat anyones elses food, and stay away from each other. We didn't listen to any of those rules. We didn't really think much of it. One of the hardest parts about Covid that we couldn't see my grandparents at ALL. The first time I saw my grandparents without a mask was on Mothers day of 2021.

The songs that remind me of this are... Happy → (from Despicable Me), 10,000 hours Dan and Shay, Be the Light Thomas Rhett.

September 2020 - May 2021

September was a big blur for me, filled with lots of fear, stress, and anxiety. I remember the first day of school I was so nervous. I went to school and it was fine. I remember complaining to my mom about wearing the masks. In the beginning it was uncomfortable and stressful. Towards the end of the year with the restrictions rising, my life is slowly feeling like it's going back to normal. I went on my first vacation since last year, we went to South Carolina and it was so awesome. I will remember that forever.

taking chances was important (If they were smart). I took a leap and tried something new.

The songs that remind me of this are... A little bit stronger → Sara Evans. Don't stop believin' → Journey

June 2021 - September 2021

I hope that restrictions go all the way up and you can now not have to wear your mask. I hope that they find a way to help the long haulers. I am hoping that next year you don't have to wear masks at school. I can't wait to see how the year goes next year. Little Did I know that I would be having to show a little piece of paper with my name on it saying that I have gotten the Covid vaccine. From a little bat virus to a worldwide pandemic life has changed for many people.

The songs that remind me of this are... Glory Days → Bruce Springsteen, My Wish → Rascal Flatts, Goodbye Earl → The Chicks.

Step 3:

1. Happy → (from Despicable Me 2) → I was so happy that we were done for two weeks
2. 10,000 hours → Dan and Shay → Quarantine felt like 10,000 hours
3. Be the Light → Thomas Rhett → It is saying spread light through this dark time
4. A little bit stronger → Sara Evans → Through the dark times you gotta remain strong and get stronger
5. Don't stop believin' → Journey → you still gotta believe that things will get better, this is also just an all around great song
6. Glory Days → Bruce Springsteen → There are some Glory days and some horrible days, cherish the good ones, and let go of the bad ones.
7. My Wish → Rascal Flatts → I was wishing that Covid would go away
8. Goodbye Earl → The Chicks → Goodbye Covid.