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March 17/2020 - June 26/ 2020

Last year when this whole pandemic started we had been shut down on March 17th. Everyone was excited that we had about 2 weeks off from school for basically no reason. (Nobody had really known why we were shut down at first.) There were also those people that were very worried about 2 weeks off, then there were those people in between, both happy and worried. I was one of those people. **Not Afraid (Eneminem)**. Then those two weeks turned into the rest of the school year. **I'm a Mess (Bebe Rexha)**. It was hard learning from home because I have 10 other people in my household, and two lovable dogs that wouldn't stop barking. **Sucker for Pain (Lil Wayne, Wiz Khalifa, Imagine Dragons, Logic, Ty Dolla Sign, X Ambassadors)**

June 26/ 2020 - January 1/ 2021

During the summer it was especially hard because we had to get used to staying indoors and not seeing our friends. In June, we were startled by the fact that my Bis abuelo was sent to the hospital because he had Parkinson's disease. Then when he was in the hospital they tested him for Covid- 19 and it turned out he had it. So my dad, his brother, and his dad went to South Carolina, where they lived. They went down and 3 of 9 got it. Then when my dad had to come back, my dad and my uncle. Then on August 29th, on my birthday, it had gotten vicarious to do anything at all. I had a lonely birthday, I couldn't see my friends, nor see loved ones, or even go to waterparks. This was all because the pandemic called for a panic and then everyone shut everything down. That November we had lost someone very dear to our hearts, , my uncle Oscar, he is my dad's uncle and my great uncle. Then the start of a new year arrived. There were surges everywhere. We didn't end up going anywhere for Christmas nor New Year, which we usually go to my grandmothers. **Battle Scars (Lupe Fiasco, Guy Sebastian)**

January 3rd/ 2021 - now

Then a few days after new year's, about January 3rd I had lost a family friend due to pancreatic cancer and my uncle due to obesity. **Dead and Gone (T.I., Justin Timberlake)**. We had good memories with both of them. It was hard for us to recover from their death. I can remember that we also had the capital attacks on the 6th of January. **History of Violence (Theory of Deadman)**. It was harder for my parents. For a couple months after we were just learning to live without some people and just learning new things. Then a couple months later we lost our dog daisy. We had Daisy in our family for a while so it was hard for us to adapt to life without her. The memories we had with her we will never forget. I don't remember what happened since then.

What I hope happens next year.

Next year I hope we don't have to wear masks in school or really any public place. **Airplanes (B.O.B, Hayley Williams)**. Also I hope we are able to have a tenth period like before. And lastly I hope we are able to switch classes and move from classroom to classroom after every bell. **Eminem (Cleanin out my Closet)**. I also hope we can see our friends again and not be trapped in an isolation room. **See you Again (Wiz Khalifa, Charlie O'Puth)**

**"All this commotion, emotions run deep as oceans, explodin'
Tempers flarin' from parents, just blow 'em off and keep goin'
Not takin' nothin' from no one, give 'em hell long as I'm breathin'" - Eminem
(Cleanin out my Closet)**

**This connects to when my Bis abuelo was sick and then the deaths in my family.
(Section 1)**

**"A lover not a fighter on the frontline with a poem
Trying to write yourself a rifle
Maybe sharpen up a song
To fight the tanks and drones of you being alone " - Battle Scars (Lupe Fiasco,
Guy Sebastian)**

**This connects to when my uncle had left my father in South Carolina and he had
to find another way back. (Section 1 or 2)**

**"Yeah, I could use a dream or a genie or a wish
To go back to a place much simpler than this**

'Cause after all the partyin' and smashin' and crashin'
And all the glitz and glam and the fashion
And all the pandemonium and all the madness
There comes a time where you fade to the blackness
And when you're starin' at the phone in your lap
And you hopin' but them people never call you back
But that's just how the story unfolds
You get another hand soon after you fold
And when your plans unravel in the sand
What would you wish for, if you had one chance?
So airplane, airplane sorry I'm late
I'm on my way so don't close that gate
If I don't make that, then I'll switch my flight
And I'll be right back at it by the end of the night
(Contd.) So can I get a wish to end the politics?
And get back to the music that started this shit

So here I stand and then again I say

I'm hoping we can make some wishes out of airplanes" Airplanes (B.O.B, Hayley Williams)

This connects to my emotions right now I just wish we could get out of this already. (Section 4)

"Everything's gonna be alright
Everything's gonna be okay
It's gonna be a good, good life
That's what my therapists say
Everything's gonna be alright
Everything's gonna be just fine
It's gonna be a good, good life" - I'm a Mess (Bebe Rexha)

This connects to my self convincing myself that we are going to get through this after the deaths of family members. (Section 1, 2, or 3)

"I got the squad tatted on me from my neck to my ankles (my ankles)

Pressure from the man got us all in rebellion (yeah)

We gon' go to war, yeah, without failure (oh, yeah)

Do it for the fam, dog, ten toes down, dog

Love and the loyalty, that's what we stand for (ah)

Alienated by society, all this pressure give me anxiety (anxiety...)” - Sucker for Pain (Lil Wayne, Wiz Khalifa, Imagine Dragons, Logic, Ty Dolla Sign, X Ambassadors)

This reminds me that my friends have been there for me this whole time. (Section 1 - 4)

“Ooh, I've been travelin' on this road too long

Just trying to find my way back home

The old me is dead and gone, dead and gone

And ooh, I've been travelin' on this road too long

Just trying to find my way back home

The old me is dead and gone, dead and gone

Ever had one of dem days, you wish woulda' stayed home” - Dead and Gone (T.I., Justin Timberlake)

This connects to what I feel currently because this has been too long of a pandemic. (Section 3)

“The city's on fire, the streets are a riot

Now look at this place, no one is safe

No one is safe from you” - History of Violence (Theory of Deadman)

This reminds me of the riots at the capital that we had in January 6th. (section 3)

It's been a long day without you, my friend

And I'll tell you all about it when I see you again

We've come a long way from where we began

Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again

When I see you again - See you Again (Wiz Khalifa, Charlie O'Puth)

This connects to me wishing that my friends were going to be safe and make it through the pandemic. (Section 4)

We'll walk this road together, through the storm

Whatever weather, cold or warm

Just lettin' you know that you're not alone

Holla if you feel like you've been down the same road

[Intro]

Yeah, it's been a ride

I guess I had to go to that place to get to this one

Now some of you might still be in that place

If you're tryna get out, just follow me

I'll get you there - Not Afraid (Eminem)