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Beginning, March 2020-August 2020:

At the beginning of the pandemic I was very **confused**. I had no idea of what was happening. At first everyone thought that we would only be quarantined for two weeks and then my school cancelled spring break. We got news that no one would be returning to school and I was very disappointed and unhappy that I wouldn't be able to see my friends for a while. Everyone was doing school from home, there were Google Meets and Zoom calls for the kids, and people's grade averages went down. I was anxious that I would lose someone close to me. I was on edge and didn't want to leave my house when the government allowed people to leave their house.

The songs that relate are:

Build me up Buttercup by The Foundations

Brutal by Olivia Rodrigo

Don't You Worry Child cover by Madilyn Bailey

Middle, September 2020-May 2021:

I was **hopeful** at this time of year. Schools started letting kids back into the facility and gave kids the option to come into school two days a week or fully stay home. I stayed home for the start of the year and it was different. I could eat whenever I wanted and I was able to go to the bathroom whenever I wanted. I got bored time after time and it was hard to ask teachers for help. It was a challenging time at the start of the seventh grade school year but after some time I got used to it. Thanksgiving and Christmas were lonely because we couldn't see our families or friends. We couldn't have parties, or get-togethers. We had to see our families over Facetime, Google Meet, or Zoom. As the months went on, I started to be more optimistic. At the start of 2021, the vaccine for Covid-19 had come out and people started to get vaccinated. In April I went back to school and it was strange having to wear a mask especially during sports. Gym was tough when having to wear a mask while running around in the heat. I then got vaccinated about a month later and so did many others in my class.

The songs that relate are:

I Will Survive by Gloria Gaynor

Don't Stop Believing by Journey

Hope ur ok by Olivia Rodrigo

Now, June 2021-September 2021:

Right now I am **confident** and **cheerful**. I have a good feeling that things are going to be somewhat normal very soon and people will have to stop wearing masks. I feel hopeful. I feel that everything is going to be okay. Stores are allowing people to enter without masks if they are fully vaccinated and some schools are now allowing kids to enter without wearing masks because the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) has issued that schools can now drop the mask

policies. The only thing that truly worries me is that the sickness is going to come back. I would never want to experience this pandemic ever again. No one would.

The songs that relate are:

Believer by Imagine Dragons

Home Sweet Home by Carrie Underwood

Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles

Paragraph One:

Build Me up Buttercup gives off a warm feeling. The tone and mood of this song is cheerful and whenever I listen to it I can't help but smile.

Brutal just explains how quarantine felt. It was brutal. I couldn't see any of my friends or family. I was stuck in the same house for two weeks with the same people bored out of my mind.

Don't You Worry Child makes me feel safe. When I listen to this song, I feel that I don't have to worry.

Paragraph Two:

I Will Survive gives me faith especially with so much panic and fear is all around.

Hope ur ok is what I kept thinking. I was always wondering if my family and friends were okay.

Don't Stop Believing. I can't stop believing when listening to this song.

Paragraph Three:

Believer. I am a believer when I listen to this song. I have more faith than I have before. Things are opening back up.

Home Sweet Home. Things are starting to feel like home again.

Here Comes the Sun. The sun is finally showing and that saying "After rain comes a rainbow" is becoming reality.