

Out Of The Woods

"Are we out of the woods yet?"



March 2020 - August 2020

I was feeling really frustrated and disappointed at the beginning of the pandemic. My 12th birthday was in late March last year and I had all these big events planned; for example, I was going to have a party at an indoor parkour place in Syracuse, but a week before my birthday my mom explained to me that it was closed. Also, we were going to have family come to my house for that same weekend but they couldn't come because everyone was in quarantine and had to social distance. The school closed down also, so we had to start doing school from home, and that made me both cheerful, and confused. I thought that in a few weeks it would open again and we could come back to school, but that never happened. It was nice at first because it gave me the opportunity to sleep in a little later, but after about a few weeks in, it got really annoying and I started to feel frustrated. Finally summer came along, and I was really excited to take a break from everything, but it was not the same as the summer before COVID 19. Thankfully me and my family were able to take a week vacation in the Adirondacks with my dad's family. This is how my experience with COVID started. **The songs that remind me of this are... Moonlight Sonata → Ludwig Van Beethoven, Rolling in the Deep → Adele, Hello → Adele**

September 2020 - May 2021

Summer was over just like that, and school was just around the corner. Some people had the chance to stay home from school and do at-home learning, whereas I did home-learning on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and I went to school on Thursday and Friday. I was really confused when I was supposed to get onto meets. I was not thrilled about PE though; the locker rooms were closed so we had to wear our sweaty clothes all day after PE. I was kind of used to wearing masks at that point, but every once in a while I'll forget about it during lunch, and try eating something through my mask. I was afraid that the pandemic would get worse and me or my family would catch the virus. Around Christmas my fear came to life; my mom got COVID and our plans were canceled. She recovered about a week later, but it was still really frightening. This is how I lived through the pandemic in the middle of the year. **The songs that remind me of this are... Someone Like You → Adele, When We Were Young → Adele, Cardigan → Taylor Swift**

June 2021 - September 2021

Right now I am completely used to wearing my mask, which is kind of unusual. Summer is almost here and I am really looking forward to a long break from all of this madness. Though I feel like everything will be moving towards going back to normal; I am about to be fully vaccinated, which is really exciting! Hopefully I will be able to see family more often now, and go to birthday parties and try to have a normal 13 year old life, but I try not to get my hopes up. Despite all this chaos happening right now, I have been doing *really* well in school, and I am very proud of myself for getting through most of this pandemic in one piece. But some good news is that in the second week of July, me, my family, and both of my dad's brother's families are taking a vacation in Virginia for a whole week, so that will be very nice. One thing is that I am nervous because just as everything will start to get normal, I am weary that the virus will

strike again and it will be very disastrous. This is my reflection on my life throughout the pandemic. **The songs that remind me of this are... Firework → Katy Perry, Wicked Little Town → Riverdale, Out of the Woods → Taylor Swift**

Step 2:

Songs:

- 1) **Moonlight Sonata- Ludwig Van Beethoven**
- 2) **Rolling in the Deep- Adele**
- 3) **Hello- Adele**

- 4) **Someone Like You- Adele**
- 5) **When We Were Young- Adele**
- 6) **Cardigan- Taylor Swift**

- 7) **Firework- Katy Perry**
- 8) **Wicked Little Town- Riverdale**
- 9) **Out Of The Woods- Taylor Swift**

Step 3:

Song explanations:

- 1) **Moonlight Sonata → Ludwig Van Beethoven - Because it has a dark theme to it and I was in a dark place at the beginning of the pandemic.**
- 2) **Rolling in the Deep → Adele - It also has an aggressive theme to it.**
- 3) **Hello → Adele - I can relate to this theme because the singer feels lonely when she sings it.**
- 4) **Someone Like You → Adele - I can relate to this because the feeling of the song is lonely and negative just like how I feel.**
- 5) **When We Were Young → Adele - I can relate to the tone of the song because it is sad and dark.**
- 6) **Cardigan → Taylor Swift - I feel alone at this time, but I know that I always have my family, and this song reminds me of that.**
- 7) **Firework → Katy Perry - Because this song is energetic and I am excited and full of energy.**

- 8) Wicked Little Town → Riverdale - It has a mysterious feeling to it, and I feel that this virus is very mysterious and unknown.
- 9) Out of the Woods → Taylor Swift - Because I wonder when this pandemic will end and when we will finally be out of the woods.

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