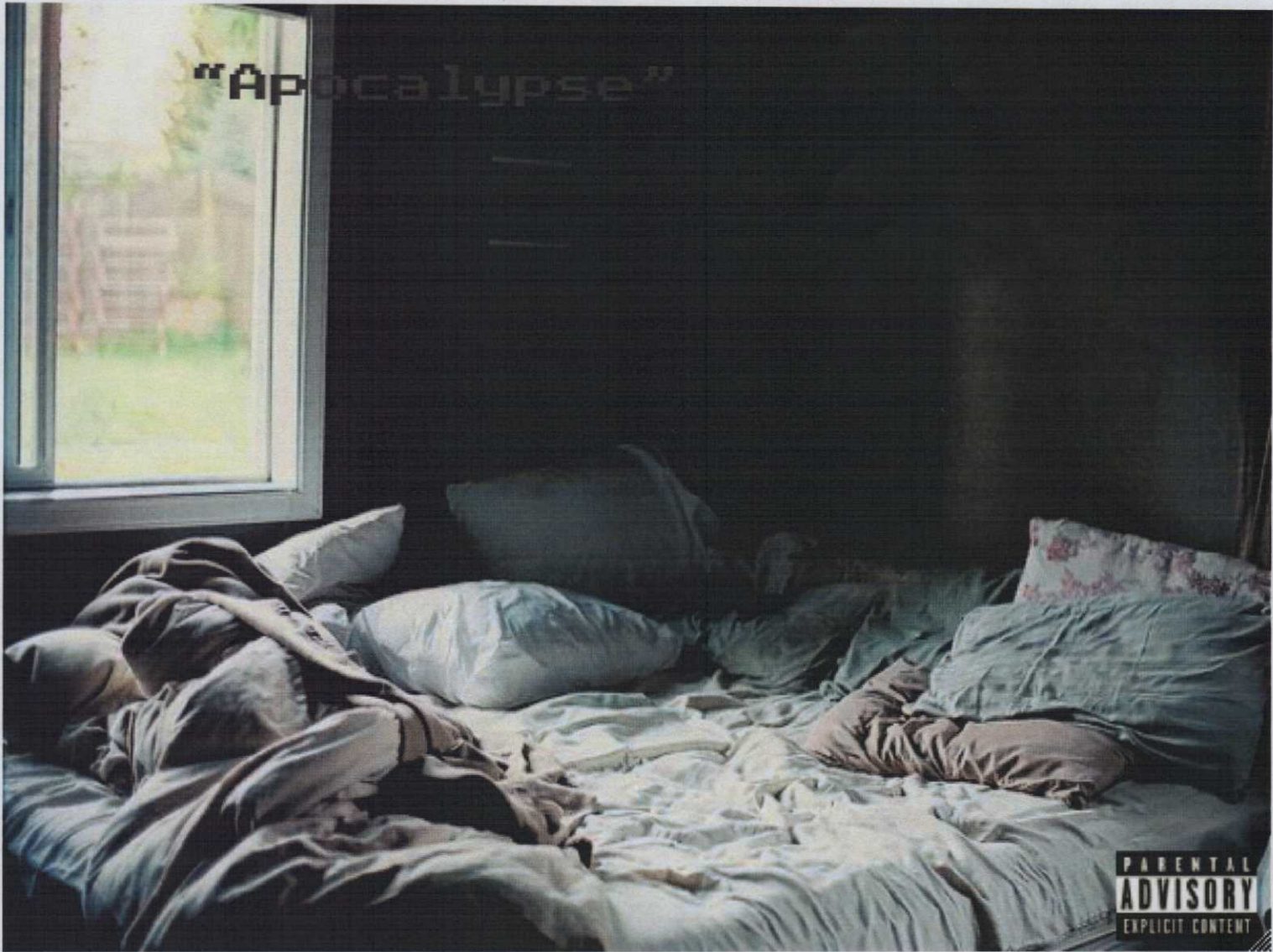


"Apocalypse"



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## ***March 2020 - August 2020***

March 16th, 2020. It was a Monday. Everyone had gone to school that day thinking that we would also be going on Tuesday. There had been multiple rumors about the school getting closed for about 2 weeks. I remember thinking that it would just be a long spring break, and then we would be back. That entire day consisted of no learning. Just review of what was to come for the upcoming two weeks. Through the course of the day we packed our things in case we wouldn't be back. Then finally, that was it. It was the end of the day. Everyone had gone home preparing to be back soon. But it didn't end there. During those two weeks it was full of stress and confusion. I had begun to do worse in my classes while barely being able to stay in touch with those whom I communicated with in school. It was the beginning of a troubling time. But, hey, it was just two weeks. Right? Wrong. Two weeks had turned into four. Four weeks turned into 2 months. And before I knew it, the school year was over. It all went by so fast that it feels like a blur. Summer vacation started. However, it was one of the most bitter summers I've ever been through. I had barely anyone to talk to all summer. I had stayed in my humid, hot room throughout the course of each day. There was nothing to do. Nowhere to go. Everything had been shut up down so there was barely anything to do. I slept most of the days. Both my physical and mental health plummeted. Yet, soon enough, the summer came closer to the end. Everyone started talking about school and what would happen. I was not excited.

-As the world caves in: Matt Maltese

-I cant handle change: R.O.A.R

-Apocalypse: Cigarettes after s\*x

I chose these songs because they create a sense that the world seems like it's falling apart. All the changes in the world are hard to comprehend and keep up with. In a way you just want someone to be there for you. I relate to these songs because it's exactly how I felt.

## ***September 2020 - May 2021***

September 10th, 2020. The beginning of the school year. I was online that day but others went into school for that day. My friends and I were really confused on what to do. It's hard to remember, but I just remember being dumbfounded at the new experience. Soon enough we were all brought into school. Social distancing and wearing masks were horrible at first. It was hot all throughout the day. It was difficult. Soon enough I had switched to all online. That was a horrible mistake. During that time I remember being extremely unmotivated. I never got anything done and my grades plummeted. I was then forced back to school and I noticed an immediate change in myself. I was doing so much better with my school work. Getting up was hard due to my change in my sleep schedule again, but I got used to it.

-Summertime sadness: Lana Del Ray

-You broke me first: Tate McRae

-I was all over her: salvia palthe

**These songs relate to being heartbroken, sad, and feeling like you're missing something or just struggling in general. During these stressful times I didn't really have anyone to go to when I really needed that.**

### ***Now - Future***

**Throughout this entire year there have been many changes. I've developed as a person and noticed a change in myself since the summer. I'm doing so much better than I was. I have wonders for the future and worries as well. Will everything go back to normal? Will there be another outbreak? Truly, what is yet to come? The answers will come someday. But right now we can only wait.**

-Blackout days: Phantogram

**This song connects to how everything has gone by in a blur. The days still seem long and as if they're dragging on, but its all getting better. Who knows what's yet to come?**