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Abstract/Synopsis

Most of the songs placed in this project were made throughout a very difficult and depressing year for me. For an entire year, I was essentially alone in my apartment, struggling with mental issues that would have me stay up all throughout the night. Given the global circumstances with the pandemic, it was something I knew I'd have to continue living with for a while. The stress that came from both internal and external complications amounted to having a rough academic year. Even making music was a difficult thing to do. So I spent most of my days, laying and thinking, and not feeling like doing anything at all, going back and forth with and without thoughts as well as repressing the impending feeling of dread that would come from passing deadlines and skipping work. Eventually, I began to think more about my music, where will it go, what do I want from it myself, how do I express myself, the way I want to truly express my feelings and thoughts. The songs in this project are nowhere near perfect, instead, I'd rather attribute it to be more of stepping stones to what I'm learning and what I've learned and what I wish to continue learning more about. Many of the songs in the project have a sort of melancholy to it, something I've been trying to convey in my music, a feeling of both sadness and happiness, undertones and repetitions. Towards the end of the academic year, I began to work with others, more socially, especially within my music. I'll say that working with others has immensely changed the way I look at my music and the direction that I can go now feels much more limitless.

Ultimately, this project is going to be a multimedia project through multiple outlets. I intend to further this into poetry, to photography and to film in conjunction with my music. I dedicate this project entirely to my family, to where this feeling of sadness and happiness, of melancholy first grew to bloom through. A feeling of hopefulness and anxiety, when all things end, I can't bring myself to believe that heaven is enough for all the love and loss that we all must ultimately face in our lives.

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