

8 Ah, this song holds a lot of nostalgia for me. Back before I sought out my own taste in music, I listened to music my dad played. That's how I discovered Air. He would play their music in the car, and this one in particular stuck in my head. Due to that early association with car trips, I think of this as "road trip music" or play it when I travel by plane. Very chill.

8.) All I Need – Air



11.) Anjali – 4th Curtis

Hey, it's pride month, so I had to include an explicitly queer song in this mixtape/playlist. I found it by searching for queer music on Bandcamp. It isn't free, but I was happy to pay for this single. It's pretty rare even now to find songs by and about queer women, and this one took a lot of digging to find. I've never encountered anyone else who has heard of this song or artist, so I'm taking it upon myself to let people know about it!

7 How could I not include a Wolfgangun song in this zine? I can't remember exactly how I stumbled across Wolfgangun, but you can get all his songs for free on Bandcamp. I do remember that when I first hit play I was instantly blown away by the uniquely cosmic style of electronic music. I knew this would be one of my favorite artists, and I listen to his songs on repeat a lot, especially while reading, so I've come to strongly associate some of his songs with specific books. Definitely check out this hidden gem. And it's free! Road to Jupiter is among his relatively newer songs and is super catchy.

7.) Road to Jupiter – Wolfgangun

4.) Orinoco Flow – Enya

This song sure is a blast from the past, which is a theme that will continue throughout this playlist. I didn't really figure out what kinds of music I liked until college, but even in high school I knew I liked Enya. This was my favorite Enya song. I even made my own album cover inspired by this song for a high school digital art class. As you may be figuring out, I tend to associate songs with periods of my life or specific events or adventures.

Mixtape

Summer



3.) Their World – Muchuu

This isn't the song that got me into Muchuu, but just one of the songs that I ended up strongly associating with dorm trips I took in college, because I'd play the songs from this album on repeat on the long road trips across California, from Yosemite to Tahoe to Disneyland. The best descriptions of Muchuu I've read are "twee" and "autotune, but done right" and "magical." You might not like it, but I love them, especially their first album "Adventure We Go," which this song is from.

12.) Time and Time Again – Waterdeep

This is another song I downloaded for free off Noisetrade. This is a great soft-spoken indie folk song, great for beginning to wind down this playlist. I don't really associate it with anything in particular. It's just good.



15.) Letter From Home – Pat Matheny Group

Finishing off the playlist is Letter From Home, probably the most nostalgic of all the songs on this list. It's another one I found out about from my dad. I loved this jazz fusion album so much that I had him burn it to a CD. I would listen to it when I wanted to fall asleep or calm down. At the same time melancholy and comforting, I think this is the perfect way to end the playlist.

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I felt like I had to include a Mae song here. I find it sort of bittersweet to listen to Mae now. Mae is one of the first bands I really liked that wasn't introduced to me by my dad. My best high school friend introduced me to them and I would listen to this song repeatedly on Youtube (because during that point in time my computer wasn't working and I had to use my dad's computer, and wasn't allowed to mess with his music library.) It's bittersweet because we ended up drifting apart and haven't spoken in a few years. I had a crush on this friend for a while and never admitted it.

10.) The Everglow – Mae

9.) Your Life – Yuna

I think I found this song on Amazon. I can't remember whether it was one of those free singles I compulsively downloaded or something I paid a buck for. Either way, it's a great song. Like the last song, it's in my "road trip and flight music" category. I also associate it with when I was in a residential mental health program for a few months, when I listened to it frequently. Despite how that sounds, it was actually a really positive time in my life since it was a break from the "real world." So this song has positive memories of healing associated with it.

Yeah, yeah, it's vaporwave. I actually have a vaguely negative memory associated with this song. I was taking a class in college where I had to work with a partner to make a video game. We met up once to discuss our ideas for the project, then he basically ghosted me and I did virtually the entire game myself. During the one meeting we had, he showed me the music video for this song and went on a sort of intellectual lecture about it. It was sort of mansplaining, because I was already familiar with the song and knew what vaporwave was, but he felt the need to explain it to me. I still like the song. And the music video.

5.) Eco Zones – Blank Banshee

6.) Airplane – SEVEN

I got this song for free from some Russian netlabel. It's really relaxing to listen to, so I sometimes put it on repeat. There are no vocals to be distracting, so I can listen and work on anything with it on. I don't really have any memories tied with this one. I just like it.



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Yeah, this song has been over-used in some circles, but it holds a lot of memories for me. It's a song I always associated with my freshman year RA in college, who became a friend after that. He would play this song a lot that year, and he liked that song because it was basically the theme song of the co-op he lived in for the previous two years. The co-op was known for being the "hippie" co-op because it was vegetarian and was full of free spirits and communal nudity. I never got a chance to live there (I did try to get in, but didn't get a spot), but I did spend some good times visiting.

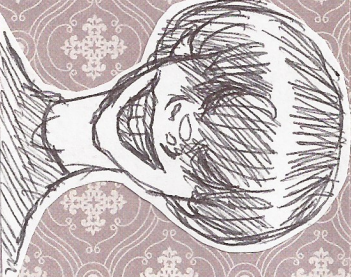
2.) Home – Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros

1.) Hayburn Wyke – Modo Stare

So, this is a zine for Melty Donut Zine Jam #1. The theme is "mixtape", so I'm doing the boring, obvious thing and just taking the theme super literally. Here's a playlist I made, with a little anecdote, art, or random thought to go along with each song. Of course I waited until the last four hours of the month-long jam to start this, so it may not be up to my usual quality. I'm starting with a song I discovered on Noisetrade that I ended up really liking. It really conveys the wonder of looking up at the stars and realizing just how small we are. Why start out with this song? I don't know. I guess it just has the mood I'm going for.

Yet another Noisetrade find! This band blends psychedelic rock with traditional Indian music. This is my favorite song from their self-titled LP. I don't think you can get this song for free any more, so I'm glad I got it when I did. It was this song that made me immediately download the album. This is my playlist's last hurrah.

13.) Setting Sun – Elephant Stone



14.) The Life – bisbee.

Wow, there's a lot of songs I found on Noisetrade here. This is a super obscure one, but I love it. It's simple and vocal-driven. It sounds sad, but this is a hopeful song about how everyone has something to contribute to the world and you should never give up.



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