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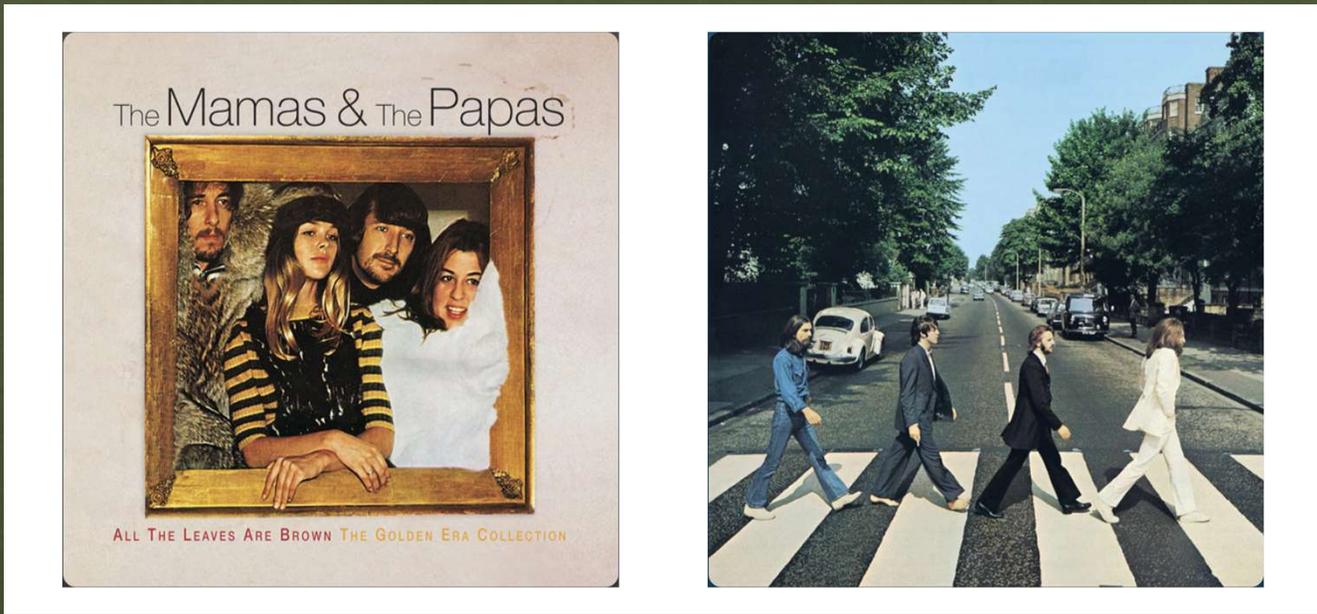
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"California Dreamin'" – The Mamas & The Papas

"Here Comes the Sun" – The Beatles

"Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo"

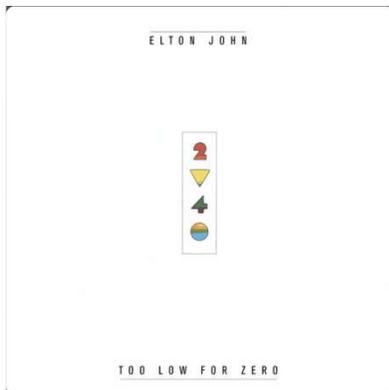
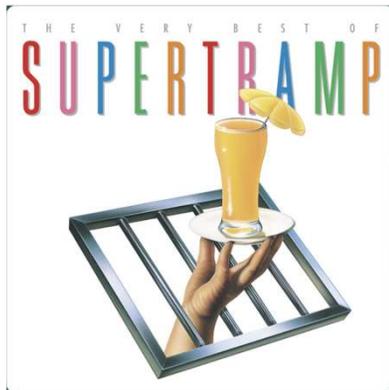


"Little darlin, I feel that ice is slowly melting."

This is where my story started.

These songs remind me of warmth, family, and the feeling of possibility before I knew where life would take me. *"California dreamin'"* captured the feeling of growing up with big dreams while *"Here comes the sun"* reminds me of the optimism I carried with me from home.

"But then they sent me away to teach me how to be sensible... Please tell me who I am."



Challenges I Had To Overcome Breaking out of a small world

I grew up in an environment where very few people left the U.S., went to college, or imagined global careers. That created a quiet but fundamental limitation. I didn't have a roadmap or many examples to follow. What I have had to overcome is not only economic limitations, but the belief that circumstances should define ambition. Choosing to look beyond the familiar required persistence and self-belief, especially in an environment that prioritized survival over long-term vision.

"The Logical Song" – Supertramp
This captures growing up inside a system that teaches you how to survive, but not how to imagine beyond it. It reflects questioning the limits you were handed and realizing that curiosity is the first step out of a small world.

"I'm Still Standing" – Elton John
This isn't about hardship — it's about resilience. It reflects overcoming internal limits and proving to yourself that your background doesn't get the final word on your ambition.

"And did you think this fool could never win? Well, look at me, I'm coming back again."

Interrailing Europe

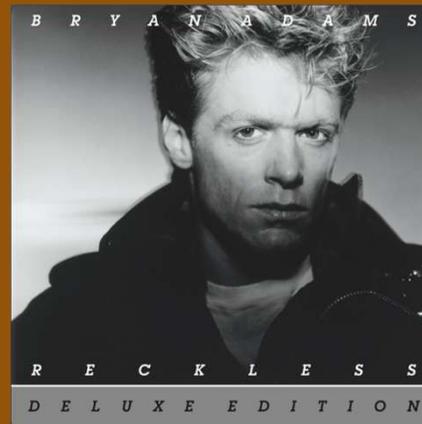


From long days and nights on trains moving from country to country, hostel to hostel, mile after mile, from broken-down trains in the middle of nowhere and sleeping wherever I had to — on trains, on benches, or wherever my backpack landed while waiting for a room to be ready. Life became unpacking, repacking, and figuring it out as I went. It wasn't always comfortable, but it was exciting. Experiencing different cultures completely opened my perspective and honestly felt like a 360 in my head. I fell in love with traveling right then and there, and I knew this was something I wanted to keep doing... just a little more planned next time, haha.



For me, “Summer of ’69” was the summer of 2023 — a defining season of movement, freedom, and discovery.

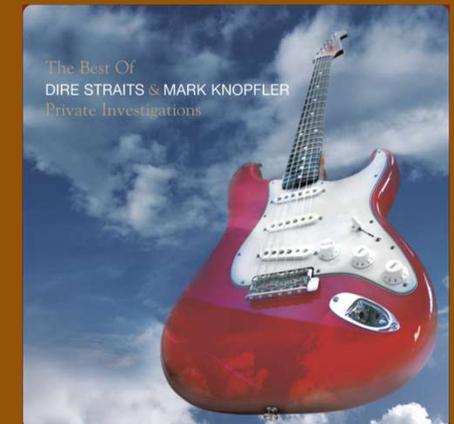
“Summer of ’69” – Bryan Adams



“Walk of Life” represents learning to move forward through imperfect conditions, finding meaning in motion rather than comfort.



“Walk of Life” – Dire Straits



Where I'm Going and the Future Ahead

"walking on a dream, how can I explain."



Kansai Gaidai

I will be doing my study abroad at Kansai Gaidai University! I'm extremely excited to learn about Asian history through film, the Japanese influence on Western art and design, and postwar Japan. I'm also thrilled to meet new people from around the world, hear their stories, learn alongside them, and experience our study-abroad year together.

Osaka, Japan

Besides studying at Kansai, I would love to explore Japan and write about my experiences through blogging. It's a whole new world, and I wouldn't want to forget any part of it. I hope to begin my journalism journey by creating my own blog that captures my experiences, opinions, and curiosity. I would also love to meet like-minded people, learn about their culture, and share my experiences with others.

Me

The future ahead looks promising. I've come a long way, and my family is incredibly proud of me. I'm opening doors not only for myself, but for my family and future generations to see what's possible when you step beyond what's familiar. The song that represents this new moment is "Walking on a Dream" – Empire of the Sun is basically about stepping into a new chapter and feeling the unreal excitement of it all — that moment when life feels bigger than it used to.

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