A year-in-review: Spotify 2020 Wrapped

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Break My Stride - Matthew Wilder |anuary

New decade, new me. "Ain't nothing gonna slow us down," said Wilder. There wasn't much tension yet, the beginning was like any other year. Little did we know that this year might end up "breaking our stride."



As February approached, we began to hear rumors of the increasing COVID-19 cases, although it had not impacted London directly yet. This song from the musical "Wicked" perfectly captures the uncertainty that was upon us.



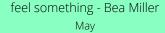
All By Myself - Céline Dion

As lockdown came into effect mid-March, we all had to learn to cope with being all by ourselves. Yet, social isolation didn't make it any easier, and this dramatic ballad perfectly encompasses the struggles that came with the start of the pandemic.



Psycho! - MASN April

When April rolled around, everyone was well into lockdown and slowly getting sick of being stuck inside all day. This song encapsulates the widely-shared frustration of wanting to go outside. This period of time definitely had us thinking, "I might just go psycho" as we longed to see our friends.



May was the time when distance learning felt endless, and every day was the same tedious one repeating itself. There was nothing in particular to be happy or devastated about, so "I just wanna feel something" is a statement that we could all agree with as we stared out our windows hoping that lockdown would be over soon.



We're All In This Together - HSMC

June

Students were proud to have made it through DLP once the school year came to a close in June. We all faced great challenges and relied on each other to make it through the difficult times. With the increased freedoms of summer in our hands, we shared the same thrill as the "High School Musical" cast in this song.



hot girl bummer - blackbear July

With COVID-19 cases on the decline, we thought we might have beat the virus this time. We can all relate to the repeating lyric, "I'm through, I'm through" when thinking about COVID-19. Not to mention that seeing no one with the exception of our family felt like "that social awkward suicide" as blackbear said.

Rollin - Calvin Harris, Future, Khalid August

Just "Rollin" through the summer; sitting in our rooms, we'd been "thinking way too much." This indie song represents how we were all feeling as summer came to a close. We began to think about the approaching school year, and how it might be impacted by COVID-19.



Back To You - Selena Gomez

September

In-person school had resumed and we were able to see all of our friends again, although things were a little different this time. "I wanna hold you when I'm not supposed to" is something we all wanted to do as we saw our friends walking down the hallways, yet had to hold back due to social distancing.



High School - Kelsea Ballerini
October

After all this time of adhering to the COVID-19 safety measures, school had become a very isolating environment. The repeating lyric, "But this ain't high school" in this country song is a relatable struggle that we all felt in October.

A Hard Day's Night - The Beatles November

When lockdown reappeared in November like a slap in the face, we all thought that this would be the break we needed to escape the winter slump. Alas, our cries were not heard, and students were still required to attend school while not being able to see friends, eat out or enjoy after school activities.





I Knew You Were Trouble - Taylor Swift December

And finally, December; possibly the most tumultuous month of 2020. We had ups and downs like never before between rumors of relaxed restrictions over the holidays to being plunged into Tier 4 Dec. 19. Taylor Swift's 2012 hit sums up the shared feeling that the horrors might not be over just yet, and January would be "trouble, trouble,"