POP FLASH.

Yes, everyone is stuck indoors and concerts seem like a long-lost memory. But the power of one good pop song is still holding strong, especially when all this free time means some musicians are buckling down and producing more music than ever — we see you Charli! Now that June has come and gone, it's time to take stock of all the great songs to bless this year so far, and for my money, that Ariana Grande and Lady Gaga hit "Rain On Me" is one of the best we've been blessed with. Check out what we had to say about it at No. 7 on our Best Songs Of 2020 So Far List:

If there's anyone that knows about living with the impact of trauma, it's Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta. After shedding her skin to cosplay as Joanne, and later, Ally in A Star Is Born*, she's back on* Chromatica *to grapple with the hardest character of them all: Herself. Enlisting fellow survivor Ariana Grande for one of the summer's most joyful bops, the pair remake resilience and acceptance into glittering fare for the dance floor. I'd rather be drunk-dancing to this one at a crowded club, but at least I'm alive. If 2020 has more storms coming, this song is an umbrella.*

And check out the full best songs list here.

— Caitlin White, Uproxx Pop Critic on the best songs of 2020 so far.

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NUMBER ONE STUNNERS

DABABY + RODDY RICCH

Are you still spinning DaBaby and Roddy Ricch's feel-good hit "Rockstar"? Because the rest of the country definitely is. Coming in at the No. 1 spot for the fifth week which means it's holding steady to take on Ricch's previous record of eleven weeks for "The Box." DaBaby and Roddy are both young rappers who are rising quickly in the radio ranks, and it will be exciting to see what else they come up with in the back half of the year. Knowing these two prolific artists, "Rockstar" won't even be their last entry into the *Billboard* Hot 100 in 2020.

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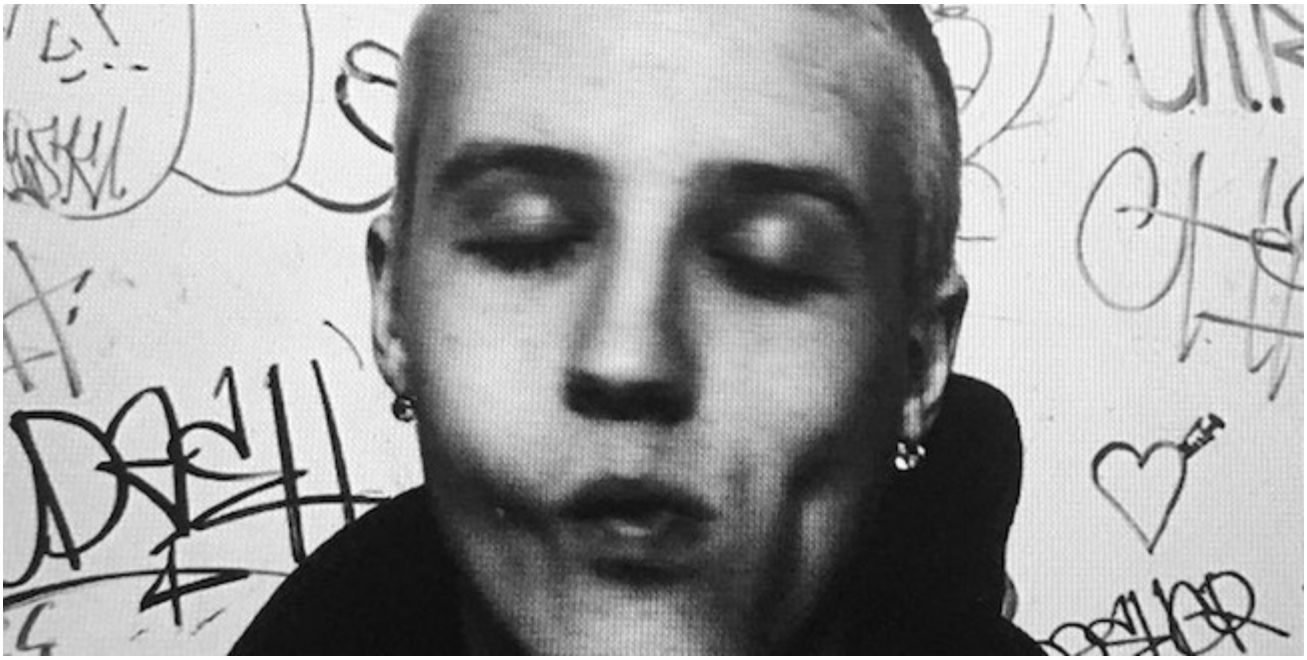

CONTRADASH

I don’t know if I’m the only one yearning for a return of the pop-punk that dominated my teen years, but it seems like I’m not as artists like Contradash are bringing that itchy, bubblegum punk sound back into the forefront. This LA-based band is one of Interscope’s latest signees, and take a spin or two through their new single “White Lies” to hear exactly why. It’s all sparkling angst and earworm hooks that trade on the jagged emotions that a summer indoors will create. Look out for the band’s debut, *All Star*, out on Interscope later this year.

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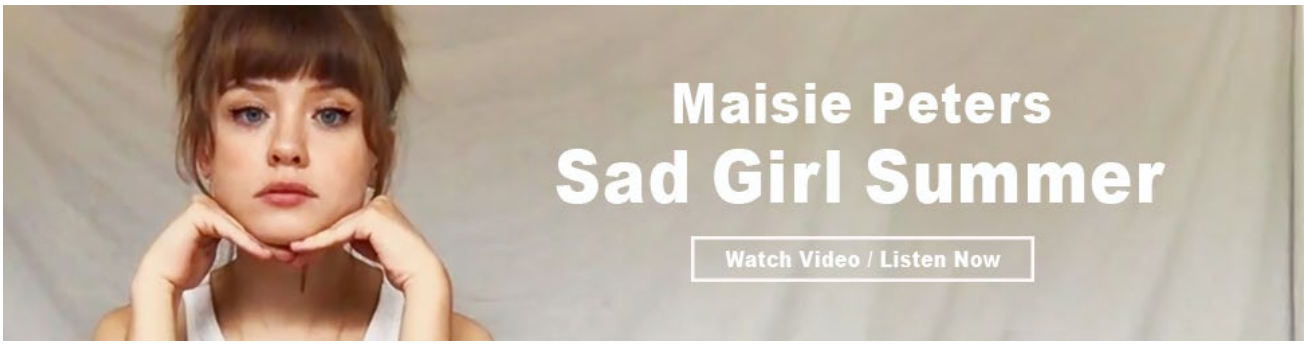

REMEMBER WHEN

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY, POST MALONE!

Earlier this year, Post Malone celebrated his 25th birthday, and when exactly was it you ask? None other than July 4th — yes, Posty shares a birthday with America itself. And though he's barely hitting his mid-twenties, Austin Richard Post has already proven himself a star many times over, racking up numerous No. 1 hits and albums, and helping transform the sound of both hip-hop and pop with his autotuned croon rap and dirtbag bangers. It's not an understatement to say that Post has defined the sound of several summers, so here's wishing him a happy birthday month during what's undoubtedly been a long, strange year.

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DOMINIC FIKE

Speaking of the burgeoning return of pop-punk and alt-rock impulses in pop music — word to Halsey and Billie Eilish, natch — another rising star, Dominic Fike, officially announced his debut album is coming out later this month. The tongue-in-cheek love songs of Fike already hit big with listeners on his sweet earworm “Chicken Tenders,” and his newest bleary-eyed reflection “Politics & Violence” proves that he can tackle both the mundane and the massive as a songwriter. When his debut *What Could Possibly Go Wrong* comes out July 31st, it will be fun to watch the world embrace his apocalypse-pop sound.

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