American Teen

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Khalid Donnel Robinson was born February 11, 1998 in Fort Stewart, Georgia. Khalid is a singer and songwriter, known as a R&B vocalist. He is signed to RCA Records and Right Hand Music Group.



"I feel like growing up with my mom was the foundation of my interest in music," Khalid said. "In my home, we listened to music all the time. I was raised through music, and I've been interested in it since I was three. I've been singing since I could talk correctly" but it wasn't until moving to El Paso that he took interest in writing and recording his own music.



By spring and with "prom right around the corner," Khalid said he was eager to get a new track out, it was then that Khalid traveled over to Atlanta to work on a single that would eventually become his big breakthrough.



Soon after "Location" was put out on Soundcloud, Kylie Jenner posted a snapchat of herself and friends listening to the track on her story. The cosign from the reality TV star helped put out the song, with its catchy melody and lyrics that delve into love in the smartphone era, to more than 12.5 million streams on Soundcloud.

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The joys of being a teenager, getting to go out and have fun partying with friends and with graduation just around the corner.

"8TEEN"

To being 18 years old, the track touches on strict parents, first loves, staying out late, smoking pot and being with your friends, summing it up with a single line; "Let's do all the stupid shit that young kids do"

"Hopeless"

A past relationship he continuously thinks about even though he knows it's hopeless to try and get her back.



"Coaster"

A past love interest. He describes this girl he has loved although he knows that she's never treated him the way he wanted to be treated and is terrified to move on without this person he will love unconditionally. Although he wants her, the time passes and he finally realizes that he will be better off without her and knows he will not be there for her when she returns because he realizes that she isn't the one for him.

"Cold Blooded"

Khalid is found heartbroken. He has given his heart to a girl who has treated it very poorly yet he's unwilling to take it back. He wants an explanation but also wants her back just as much as he did before.



This is probably one of my favourite albums of all time. I cannot name one song that I don't like. This album will always have a special place in my heart. I have listened to it countless times and do not see myself ever getting sick of it. If I had to pick one song that stood out from the rest it would have to be "Location" because of how relatable it is to the youth, everything nowadays revolves around technology and relationships so I love how Khalid includes this in his song about love and almost every other track. Absolutely phenomenal album, 10/10.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNChtZCDCsY

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Cold Blooded https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pu3goQG5JgE