

## **Kesha's Rainbow**



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## **About the Album:**



**This album is a mix of elements Such as pop rock, glam rock, neo Soul, and country pop. Inspired by by other artists like The Beatles, Dolly Parton, James Brown, ect. Was nominated Best Pop Vocal Album at the 60th Annual Grammy awards, Which was her first grammy nomination. It incorporates letting go of the past, forgiving oneself for past mistakes, self worth, and female empowerment. 15 songs total.**



## **About the Artist:**

**Kesha rose sebert, ( born March 1st 1987, Los Angeles California U.S. ). Her first rise to success was when she made her debut on Flo-Rida’s song “ Right Round” in 2009. Kesha’s mother Pebe was a singer-songwriter, she would often take both Kesha and her brothers along to recording studios and encouraged Kesha to sing with her after noticing her talent. Her mom taught her how to write songs and they often wrote songs together after school. She co-wrote with her mom a song called “Stephan” when she was 16. In 2013 she sold over 33 million combined tracks and ringtones in the U.S. alone and 55 million worldwide. Before she dropped out of high school, like me she was in band, she played the trumpet and later on the saxophone. She and her family were also on an episode of the American reality Tv show called *The simple life*, which aired in 2005.**

## “Woman”

This song is a great example of the female empowerment she intended. The song was inspired by a rather inappropriate comment made by Donald Trump and Billy Bush. While the two were discussing the topic of women, Trump states “I don’t even wait. And when you’re a star, they let you do it. You can do anything...Grab ‘em by the P\*\*\*\*”. When Kesha heard that she was so very upset that she shouted “I’m a motherf\*\*\*ing Woman”, which she repeats throughout the song. I love the funky-powerful trumpet sounds within the chorus!. In the music video she’s just having fun at a club with her friends, being herself, and letting all the men there know that she;s the boss and she’s not going to let them play her.

*Ex: “I’m a motherf\*\*\*ing woman, baby that’s right, I don’t need a man to be holding too tight”*

Music video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXyA4MXKIKo>



## “Learn to let go”



Kesha has been through a number of hardships in her life. Both this album and Her album called Warrior was put on hold during the court case ruling in which she accused her past producer Dr. Luke of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and discrimination of employment against her. The case was settled in June 2023. She was put through rehab a few times, in which she occasionally had ideas for other songs she’s written, she grew up in poverty where she and her family sometimes relied on theft, she

experienced eating disorders, along with not knowing who her father was. In her 2012 autobiography she says: “ I remember it being fun to be broke when I was a kid. I love making something beautiful out of things that others have thrown away”. When I first heard this song I was not in a very good state of mind, and it said something to me that I really needed to hear at the time. On occasion when I listen to this song it helps remind me that sometimes you just have to let things go and forgive yourself. The music video starts out with her putting in a VHS tape, and a video of her as a child shows up. Throughout the video she’s walking through a forest and everywhere she goes she finds an object that symbolizes something from her past.

Ex: “The past can’t haunt me if I don’t let it live and learn and never forget it”

Music video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xx1RSj4biO4>



## “Praying”

Finding peace and hope while facing struggles, and that she turned to a “greater power”. She wrote this song for others who are facing struggles as well. Kesha also wrote this song about her experience with Dr. Luke.



This is so beautiful it makes me cry everytime, I could feel the soul in this song. When I first heard it, I was feeling really bad about myself and I really needed to have a good cry ... so I stumbled upon this song at random, and It really helped me get out my emotions.

I can really feel it in my gut when she belts out the line “I hope you find your peace, falling on your knees praying”

## “Rainbow”

The perspective of someone who was once in a bad place thinking that nothing mattered, but then realizes how beautiful life can be. Finding the silver lining and the message that yes life is hard but you don't have to face it alone. I love how soothing this song is, the vocal harmonies in the background, and the use of classical instruments.

I love that this song is like a big hug to everyone who's going through something rough in their life.

I think one of my favorite lyric is probably "I know I'm still f\*\*\*ed up but aren't we all my love?, darling, our scars make us who we are"

Music video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sd5dcjXzuGk>

## "Finding you"

Someone who is so in love with someone else they're ready for all of them. Though time's short, they want to make the most of their time together with that person and are trying to convince them that they're willing to be with them for as long as they have left, and no matter where they go they'll always find their way back to them.

It's like they're saying "life is short and though we don't have forever I want whatever time we have left to be with you".

Ex: " I know forever don't exist, but after this life I'll find you in the next, so when I say" forever" it's the goddamn truth. I'll keep finding, finding you"

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DjFzguSc8Vo>

## "Boots"

Through the perspective of a woman who's kind of a player. She'd go out and flirt with some guys and have fun...but then meets this one



guy who completely changes her outlook on relationships and commitments. She starts thinking that it might not be just hookups anymore, and wonders whether he likes her in the same way or if he's just in it for the fun of it.

I really like the chorus, it's super catchy, upbeat, and it sounds really fun to dance to.

Ex: "Never thought about that wifey life, wedding bells just made me wanna die, but when you grab me and you spin me `round you really screw my head upside down"

Listen: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BgoB\\_h-hAg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BgoB_h-hAg)

**I give this album a 10/10**

