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Covid-19, Zombies & Broken Bones Could Not Stand in the Way of This 16-Year-Old Songwriter's Dreams

PHOENIX, AZ - OCTOBER 2021 - Attalie set two goals for herself to accomplish while she was 16 years old: (1) to get her drivers license and (2) to release her first album. As a budding singer-songwriter, amidst a global pandemic and a tumultuous family life, **Attalie Anne** was writing like crazy and determined not to let anything stand between her and her goals.

On a Friday night after quarantine restrictions were lifted, Attalie and her friends reunited for a post-Covid sleepover featuring a movie night in her best friend's treehouse. After watching about half of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Zombies* in the dark, the trio decided to pause the show and go inside to brush their teeth and get ready for bed. Climbing precariously down the treehouse ladder, with her pajamas and toothbrush messily bundled in one arm, and maybe going a bit too fast (because, you know, *Zombies!*), Attalie slipped and fell over six feet. She stuck the landing, but felt sharp pain shooting up her leg. Maybe it was just a sprain?

Her x-rays at Phoenix Children's Hospital would reveal multiple ankle fractures. There was also a torn syndesmosis. Sadly it was her right, driving ankle. With two surgeries, several giant "cloud casts" and months of recovery ahead, driving was no longer on the table.

Feeling discouraged, Attalie looked for the bright side. Counting her blessings, she realized that at least her wrists and hands were okay – she could still play her instruments (mainly ukulele but also some guitar and piano). Certainly her vocal chords were fine. She found new determination to not let anything stop her from releasing her first album at age 16 (just like Taylor Swift did). She kept writing, recording and mixing in her little, home studio, which used to be her father's home office (before he moved out in the summer of 2019). Attalie's song *Okay* took on new meaning as she pushed through.

"*Okay* is one of my favorites," Attalie said. "I often find myself humming that tune, and the chorus lyrics always come to mind when things get tough. I hope this song can be that for you too."

Attalie's first album, *Things I Said*, debuts November 8, 2021, on streaming services including Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon, etc. The album has five original songs including *Okay*, covering a range of utterly relatable topics from courage and determination amidst trials, to teenage awkwardness and heartache.

Perhaps there's still time for Attalie to get her driver's training completed before the year is out.

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