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Junior Releases Song on Valentine's Day

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Junior Ademir Monteiro released a single called "Lovesick" on Valentine's Day (Photo courtesy of Ademir Monteiro / Cover Artwork by Ellie Bonifant)

On Feb. 14, 2021, rapper and producer Ademir Monteiro released "[Lovesick](#)", his first single since the release of his debut [album](#) in May 2020. The song, which was mastered by senior John Talbot, is available on all streaming platforms including [Soundcloud](#) and [Bandcamp](#).

"Lovesick" is about the feeling people get when they're around their crush, Monteiro said. The lyrics of the song detail the emotions Monteiro associates with having a crush, ranging from the initial shyness to the exhaustion of being infatuated with them.

"It's a very specific feeling that I'm trying to put into words," Monteiro said in a phone interview with The Intersectionist. "My girlfriend now, Leah, is the one I was really drawing on, because she's the person I've done that the most for in my life. A lot of the inspiration behind some of the lyrics are tied to feelings of when we first met, and we're talking to each other."

Monteiro said the song starts with a soft piano coupled with subdued drums, creating a dreamy feel. Inspired by the style of Tyler, the Creator's album "IGOR," "Lovesick" transitions into an electronic sound halfway through the introduction with a distorted synth bass and an electronic drum pattern.

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"I'm excited to see what people think because...maybe I'm building it up in my head [but] I feel like it's such a different take and direction than what like people would expect from a song from me right now," Monteiro said.

Monteiro began writing "Lovesick" during the summer of 2019 when he was planning his album "Everything is Good?" However, he said wasn't satisfied with the song's sound and it didn't match the theme of the album. As a result, he cut the single from the album's track.

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In fall 2020, Monteiro began rewriting "Lovesick" and adjusting the beat until he was happy with it. He planned to release the song in January but changed the date after WECB, a student-run radio station at Emerson College, reached out to him to promote his new music. The radio station decided to pre-release his song on their [Youtube channel](#).



"They wanted to start giving support to some on-campus artists on their platforms," Monteiro said. "We talked and worked out a new way of putting song, and we figured Valentine's Day would actually be a really, really good day to do it considering the song is a more nuanced version of a love son

"Lovesick" is significant to Monteiro because it is not only a step forward in his music career but also a sign of artistic progression.



"I would love to hear when the song comes out, people saying 'Wow, I can definitely hear the production is better' and stuff like that," Monteiro said. "It would be super cool, especially because at this point, "Everything is Good?" is close to a year old. So I would hope that there is some improvement that well."

Monteiro said he hopes that by listening to the song, people understand that it's natural to feel nervous around a crush, and that they're not alone in that feeling.

"I hope the takeaway is that you're not the only one who acts all silly when you're around or when you're thinking about your crush, or someone you like," Monteiro said. "It's a very human thing, I think, to get nervous or start acting a little different because you're infatuated with a person, you can't get your mind off of them."