



### **Somewhere Over My Ego:**

As I've mentioned before, I'm trying to avoid the stereotype of the know-it-all singer. I know I don't know it all. In fact, I feel like I know very little compared to others. This isn't to say I know nothing at all, per se. Beyond the sound quality and technicalities, I do know I'm probably most proud of the confidence I have gained. As a person who lacks confidence in many ways, to finally feel like I have accomplished something is very assuring. I'm so much more comfortable with my skills now more than ever, which has opened up so many doors and experiences for me. Without this confidence, I know I would not have made the same progress, and I definitely would not be discussing it now. To go from a place where even singing in front of someone made me want to cry, to one where I can share my talent with others is such an accomplishment for me. Just since this summer, I auditioned for Women's Glee Club in front of the director of choral activities, recorded a song with a friend, and actually preformed in front of an audience. It may sound insignificant, but I know above all else, I've learned to become a more self-assured and bright individual.

Below is a link to two audio files. Both are segments from the same vocal lesson. The first is a short overview of my vocal exercises. I will warn you that this does not sound very pretty. It is simply meant to illustrate a small portion of progress. The second was recorded just thirty minutes after the first. It features the classic song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," one of my favorites. It took everything in me to listen to myself and post these online. Know that as you are listening, my ears are probably burning. Skills aside, I think they display my passion and a newfound confidence, two sentiments I would not have found if I didn't possess the determination to discover myself.

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