

## Far From The Tree Soundtrack

### Joaquin:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jDT-oZcSxO>

This song is called “SCARS” and it’s by a band named Papa Roach. This song reminds me of Joaquin so much because the lyrics itself seem to speak on Joaquin’s character as a whole. He always feels that his past defines him now. He feels like he isn’t worthy of love whether it be with family or relationships.

“I tear my heart open

I sew myself shut

My weakness is

That I care too much

And my scars remind me

That the past is real

I tear my heart open

Just to feel”

In the song, it talks about overthinking about certain things you do or don’t deserve and how you cope with that feeling. I think in the book Joaquin’s way of coping would have been arguing back and forth with himself in his own head to push those who love him out of his life.

### Grace:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISvMS6s41vY&list=PLbBK9GcG4roRaSEWvO7Mptplhwuyyz6nu>

This song is called “Runaway Love” and it’s by Ludacris ft Mary J. Blige. This song reminds me of Grace because in one of the story’s sung in the song, it talks about teen pregnancy which is something that Grace has and does struggle with throughout the book. It is said when Grace found out she was pregnant she was afraid and didn’t really know who to turn to.

“Plus she’s havin’ sex with a boy who’s sixteen

Emotions run deep, and she thinks she’s in love

So there’s no protection; he’s usin’ no glove

Never thinkin’ ’bout the consequences of her actions

Livin’ for today and not tomorrow’s satisfaction

The days go by, and her belly gets big

The father bails out; he ain’t ready for a kid”

Although all the lyrics don’t match up with her storyline and it’s a little cliché to put in a song that physically talks about teen pregnancy and doesn’t symbolize it, I think this song perfectly tells a tale that teens across the world struggle with, also with the rest of the song too.

### Maya:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkkogyTmCXY>

This song is called “You Need To Calm Down” by Taylor Swift. This song reminds me of Maya because of the chorus which basically shouts “STOP HATING ON ME FOR BEING WHAT I AM!” The song itself is about LGBTQ+ rights and how we should be more accepting as a whole.

“Oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh

You need to calm down, you're being too loud

And I'm just like oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh, oh-oh (oh)

**You need to just stop**

**Like can you just not step on my gown?**

**You need to calm down”**

I also picked this song for Maya because it has a very haters back off vibe. Throughout the book, Maya has constantly shown us that she doesn't care what others have to say about her. She wants to be her own authentic self.