

It has been devastating to relive these younger years. It has been devastating to go back to that place. A place where I, at 17, was groomed, sexually assaulted, taken advantage of by Justin.

It is tempting to view this as happening to a younger self, but that is not true. It happened to me. It happened to all of us. Then and now. It happens again and again to each survivor.

I am lucky to have found this group of women. This sisterhood has been empowering, and we are thriving, and we are seeing each other thrive. We are supporting and lifting each other up in a cultivated safe space. Once empowered, we are not defeated.

However we should not have to do this in a vacuum. I echo these sentiments: *Fuck you*. Fuck you to the band and fuck you to any creature who enabled this monster, who took it in stride, who live and let live, who looked the other way. You are cowards. Your ignorance is showing, and your heads should hang heavy.

- "Suzanne"