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Abroad Vibes

This playlist is one that I compiled over the course of my semester in Chile, with a variety of motivations. Some songs are ones that call to mind either the city of Santiago itself, more broadly South America, or the natural landscapes I travelled to during the semester. Others were trending on social media during my semester, and when I listen to them, I am placed back into my bedroom in my homestay, or the commute to Universidad Catolica. A few songs are childhood throwbacks I rediscovered during the semester, to find that they fit the vibes perfectly. Still other songs I found to be generally evocative of travel, and expressed the adventurous spirit of the semester. Here are a few standout selections from the playlist! Brazil by Declan McKenna is special for sure, reminding me of the trip my friends and I took to Iguazu Falls, a massive waterfall situated at the border of Argentina and Brazil, and the afternoon we spent at a tropical bird sanctuary on the Brazil side! Sleep On The Floor is just one of many songs by The Lumineers on the playlist. Its opening line, "Pack yourself a toothbrush, dear," really seemed to sum up the semester and its theme of wandering and adventure! Ends of the Earth, by Lord Huron, packs a lot of meaning into its name. Throughout my semester in Chile, a country where you can find mountains, desert, ocean, glaciers, lakes, and so much more, I often found myself feeling like I was at the farthest reaches of the Earth, each place more beautiful than the last! It made me feel so lucky, realizing that so many people don't get to see the sights that I saw, at the "ends of the Earth."

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