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Alex Yen, a Berklee College of Music graduate, composer and producer is set to release his album *Blue* at the end of the month. The first thought I had when I listened to the tracks “Good Times” and “9 to 5” was “I would meditate to these!”

Alex’s voice carries a delicate, “moody,” and peaceful tone, the kind that can help you unwind after a long, stressful day. “Good Times” almost makes you feel like you’re lounging on the beach! The fluid guitar strumming and chimes flow with his voice in perfect sync. I’m particularly a fan of the passion and emotion Alex elicits in “9 to 5.” His voice, in this song, conveys frustration but in a gentle and pleasurable tone. In turn, emotion makes songs more relatable for listeners. I would put on this tune to help me fall asleep, both for physical comfort and audible pleasure.

Generating these feelings from listeners was Alex’s goal when creating the album. Some of his greatest musical influences are Frank Ocean, Seino Sey, Beyonce and Sufjan Stevens.

*Blue* will be available on all platforms for streaming, listening and purchasing on May 31!