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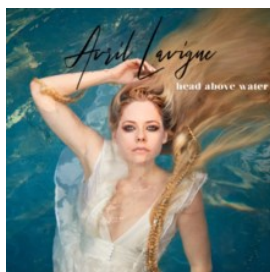
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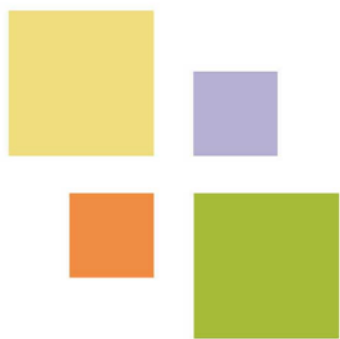
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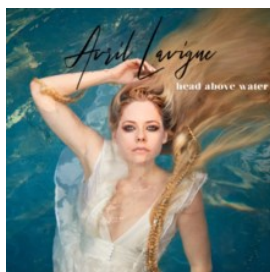
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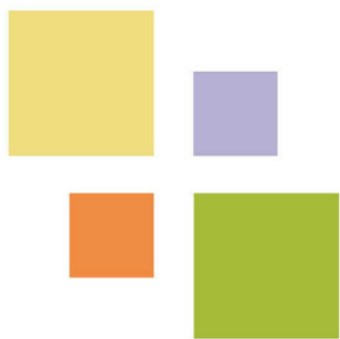
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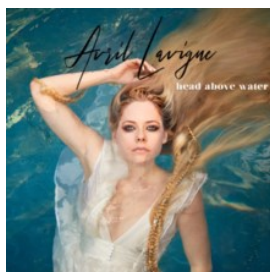
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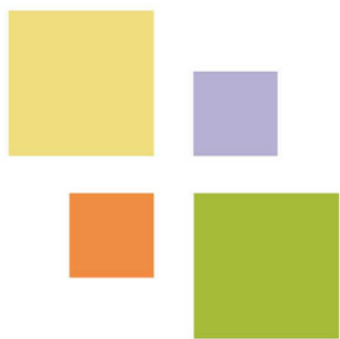
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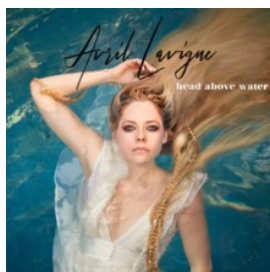
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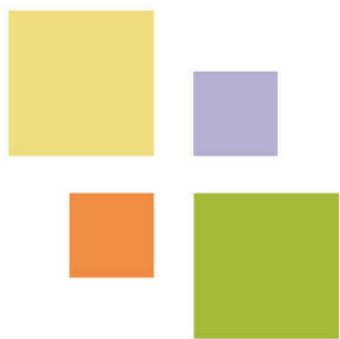
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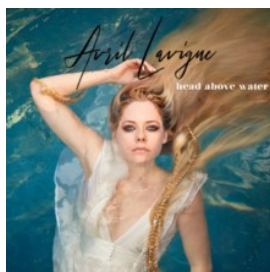
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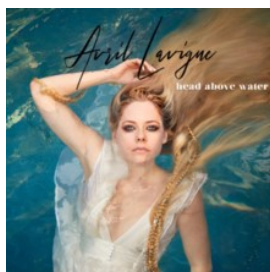
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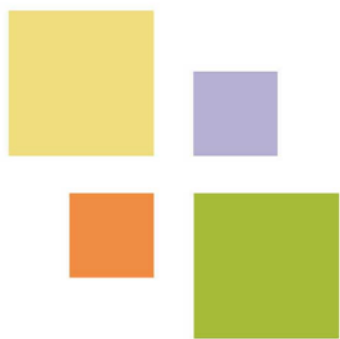
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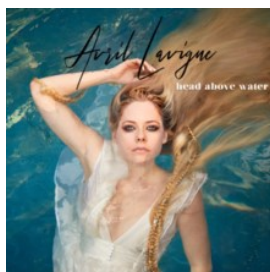
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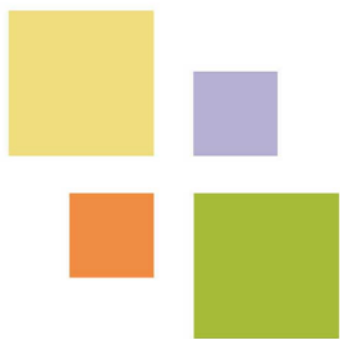
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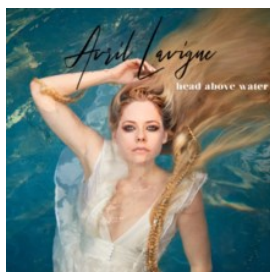
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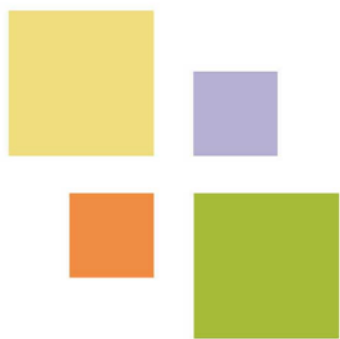
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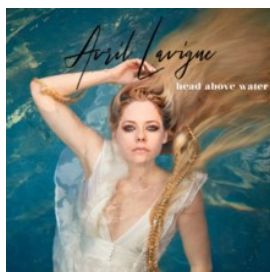
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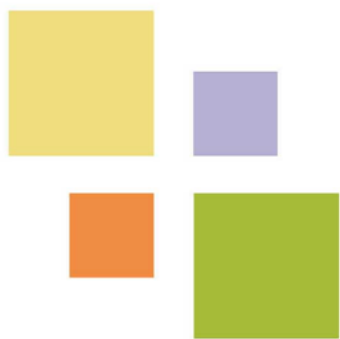
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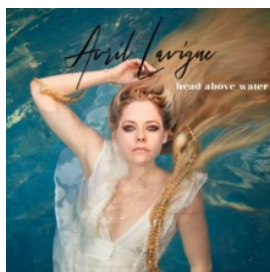
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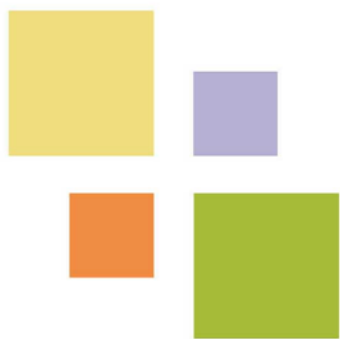
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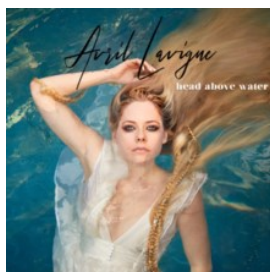
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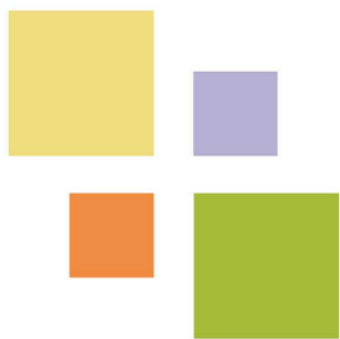
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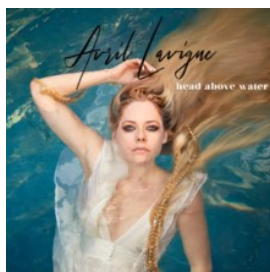
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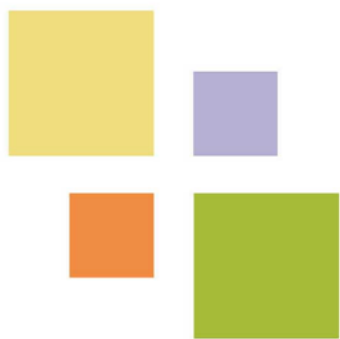
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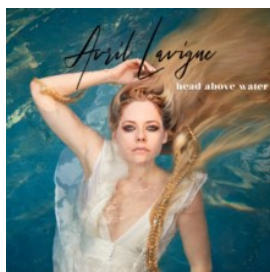
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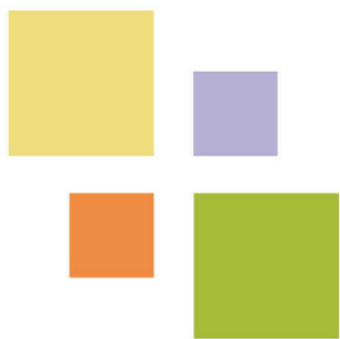
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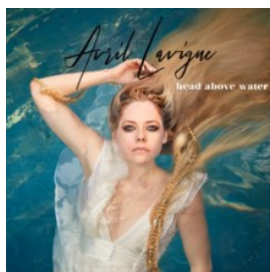
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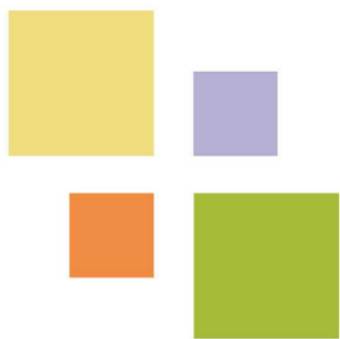
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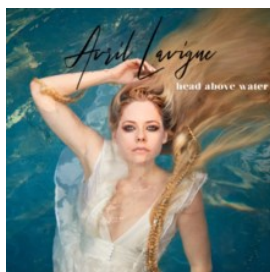
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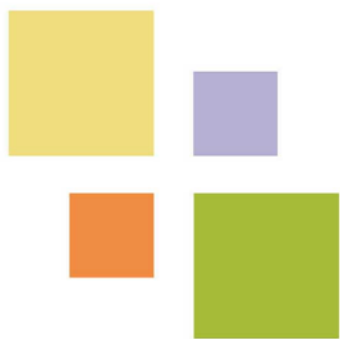
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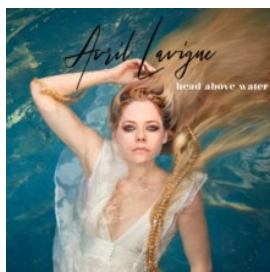
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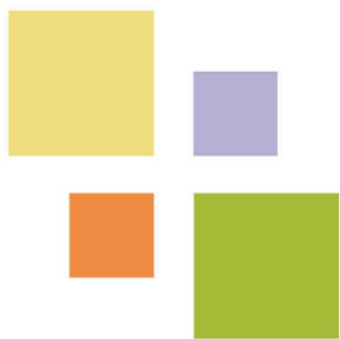
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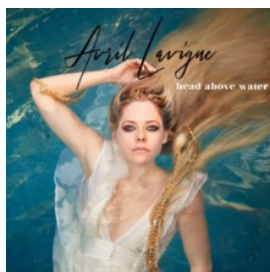
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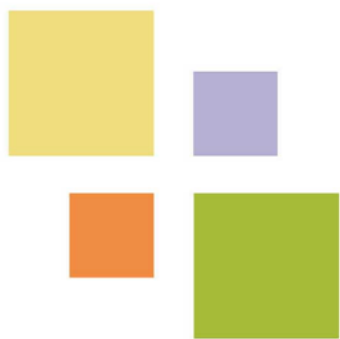
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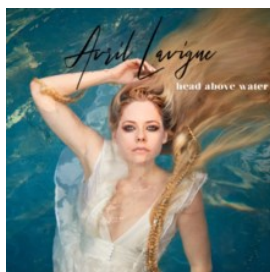
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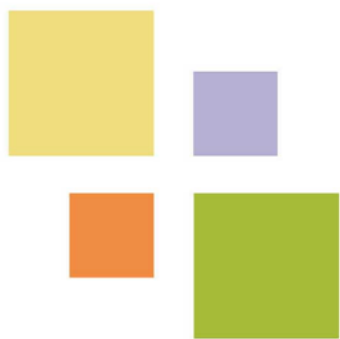
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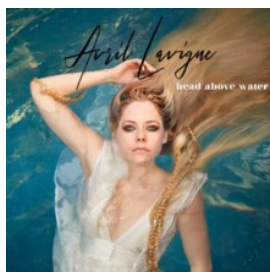
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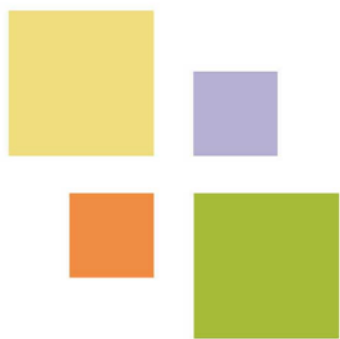
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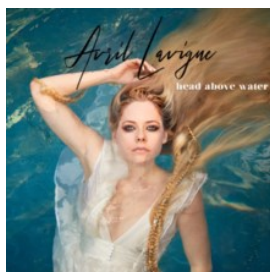
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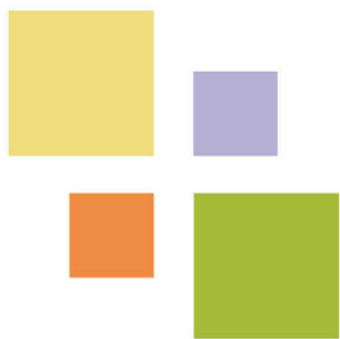
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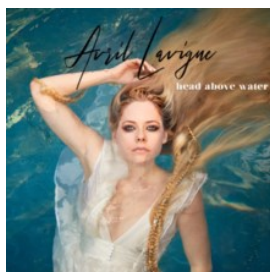
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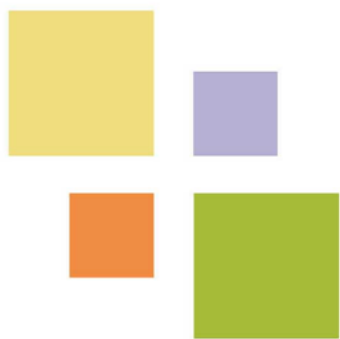
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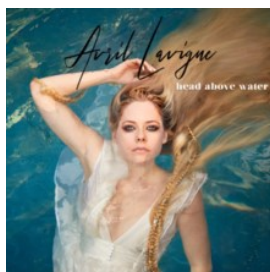
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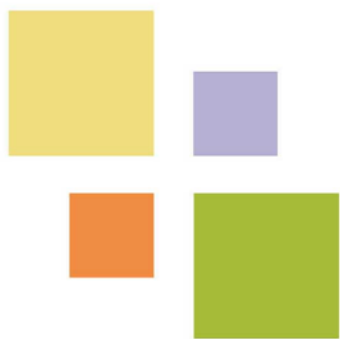
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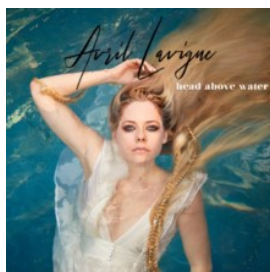
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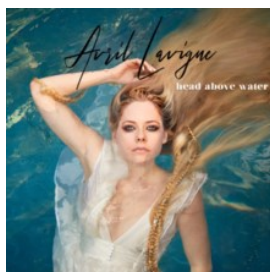
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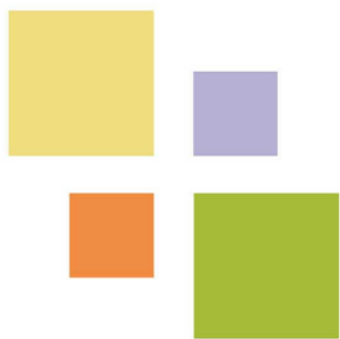
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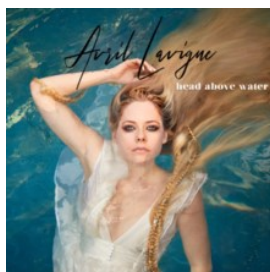
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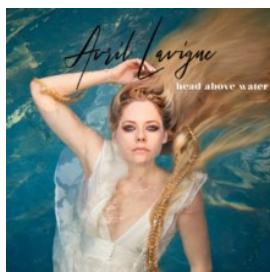
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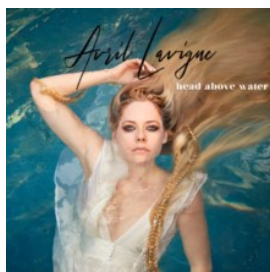
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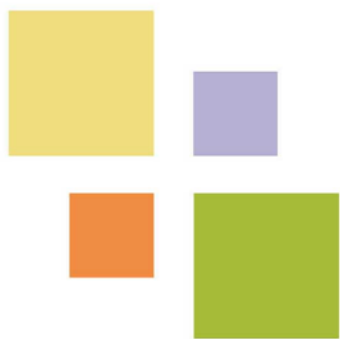
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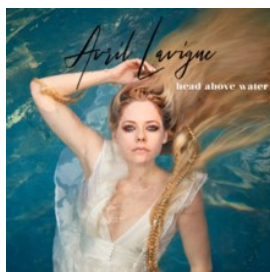
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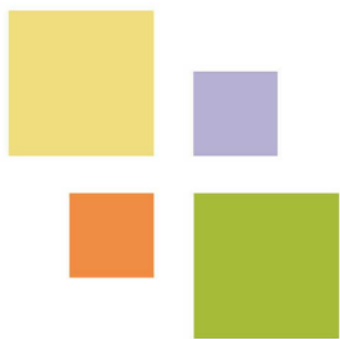
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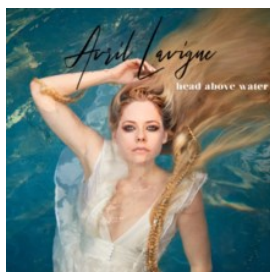
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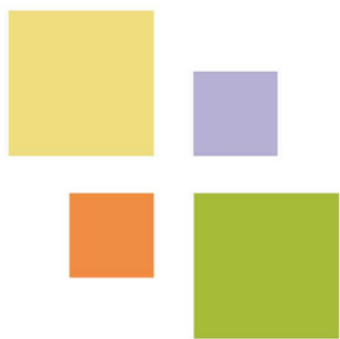
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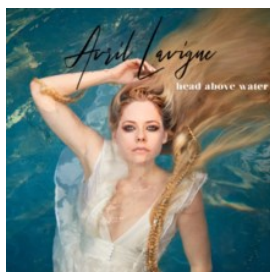
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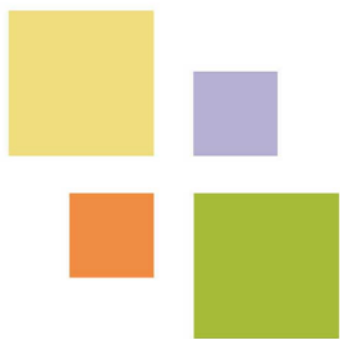
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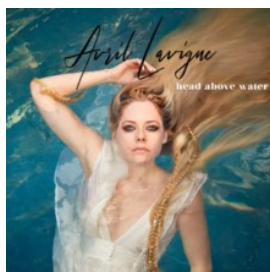
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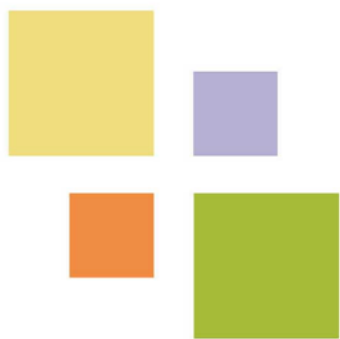
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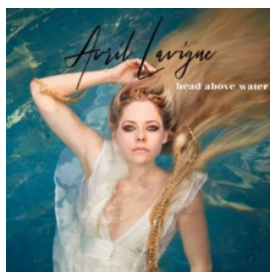
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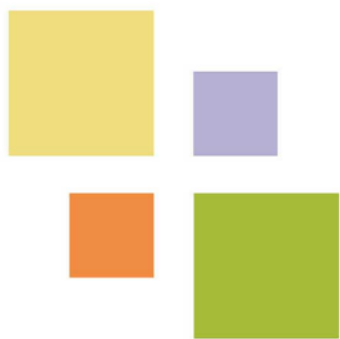
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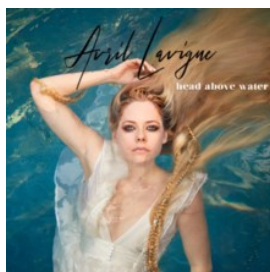
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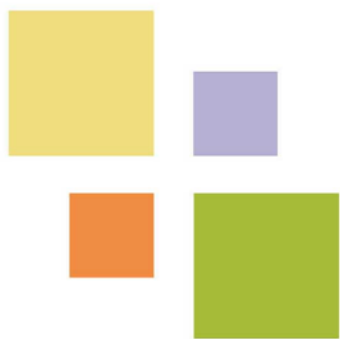
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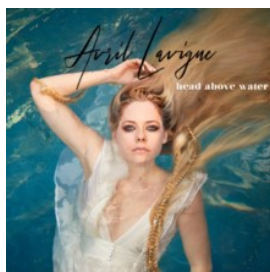
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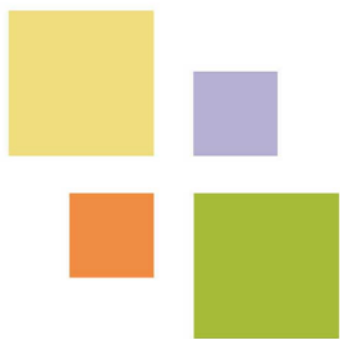
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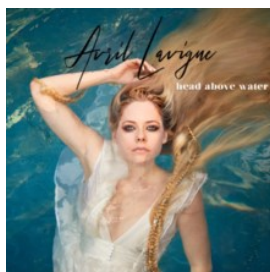
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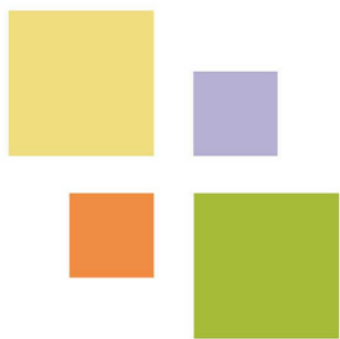
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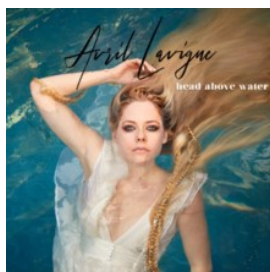
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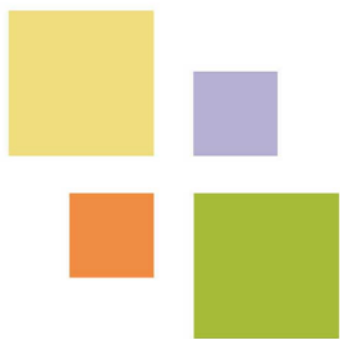
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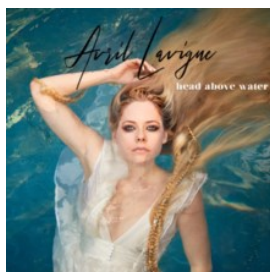
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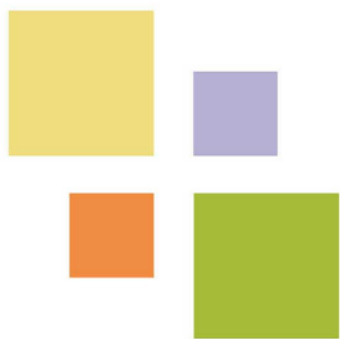
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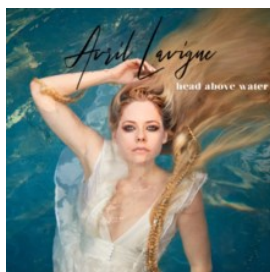
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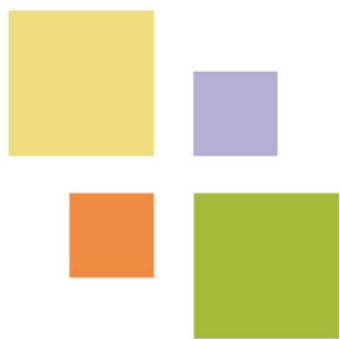
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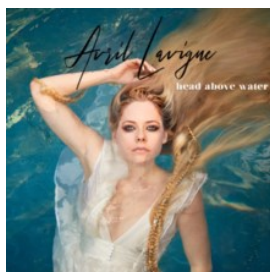
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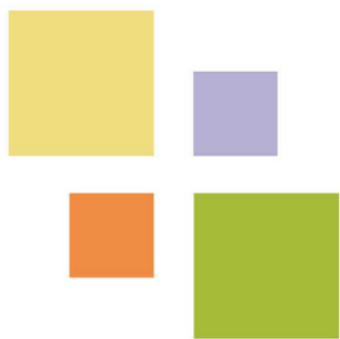
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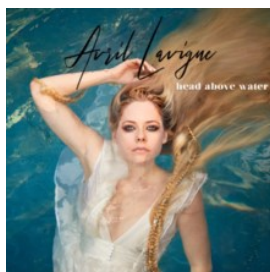
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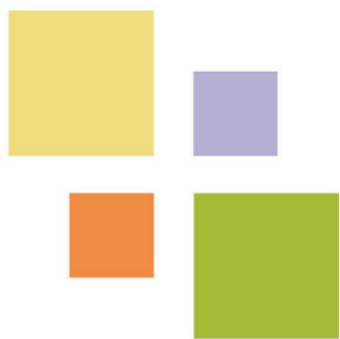
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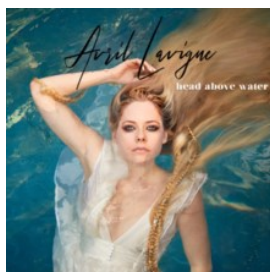
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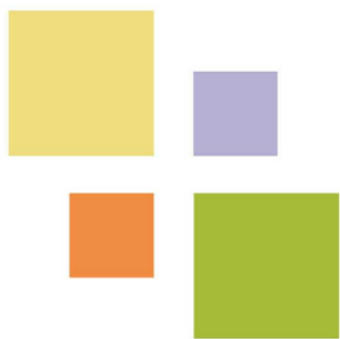
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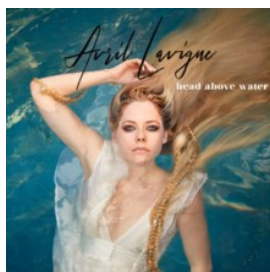
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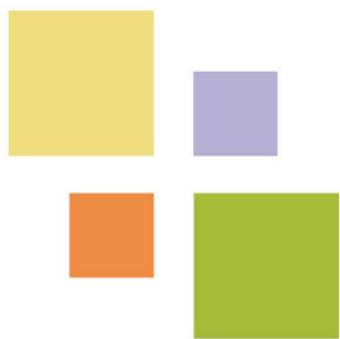
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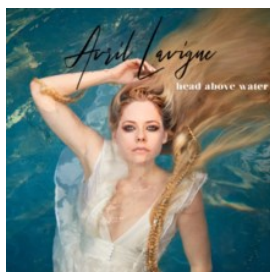
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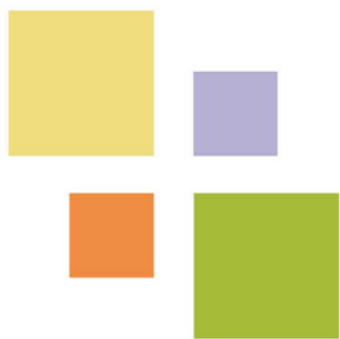
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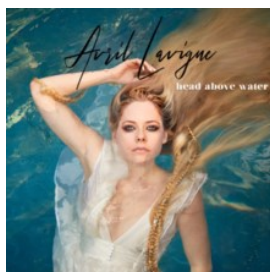
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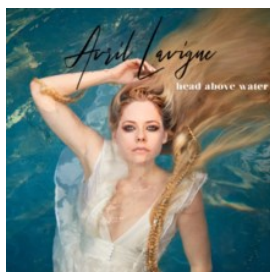
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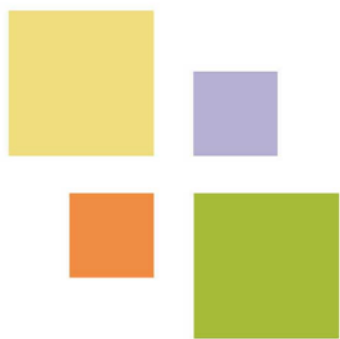
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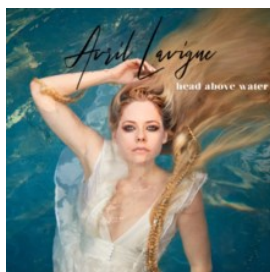
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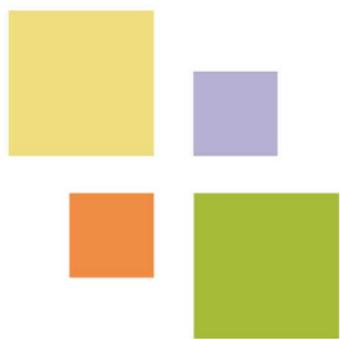
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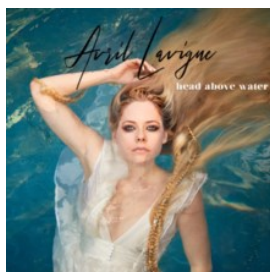
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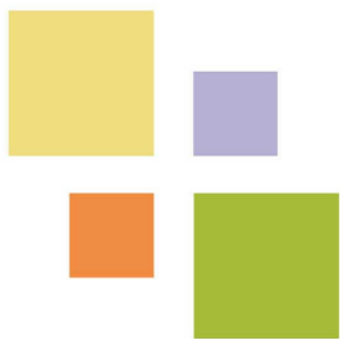
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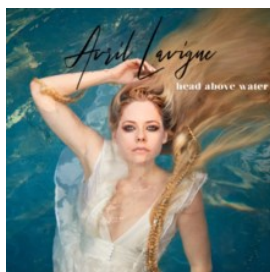
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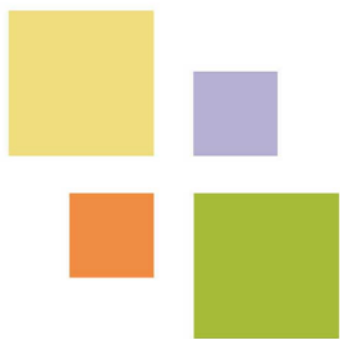
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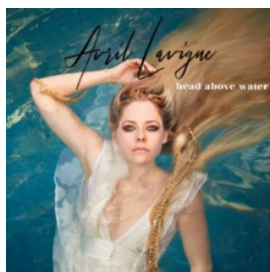
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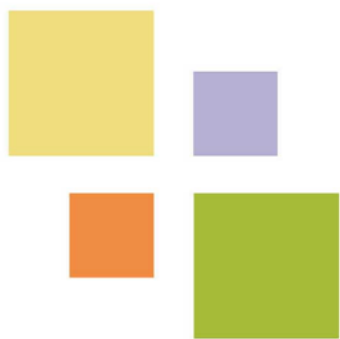
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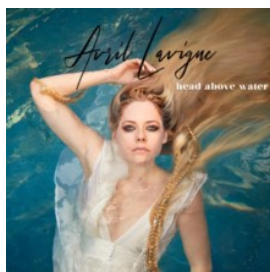
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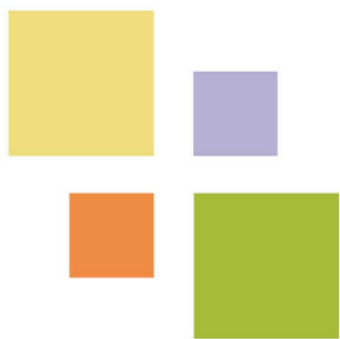
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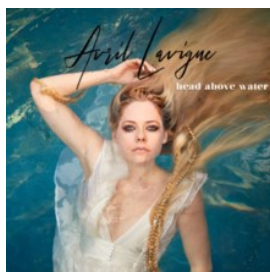
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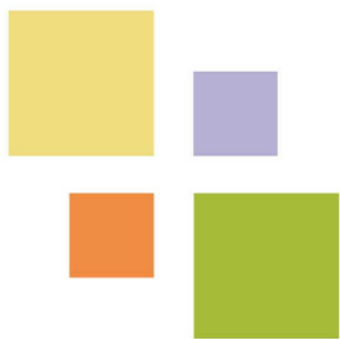
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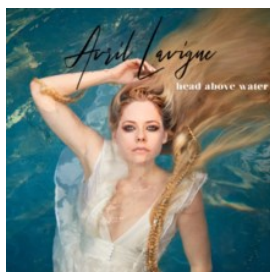
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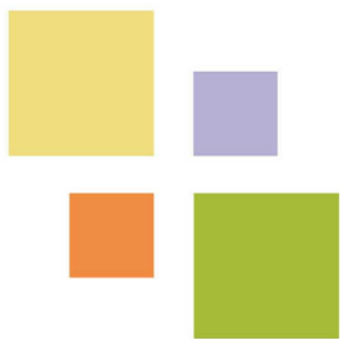
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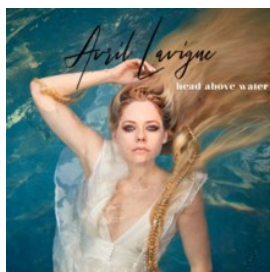
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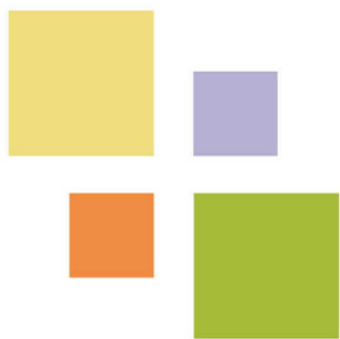
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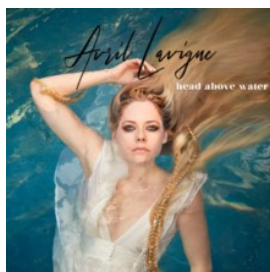
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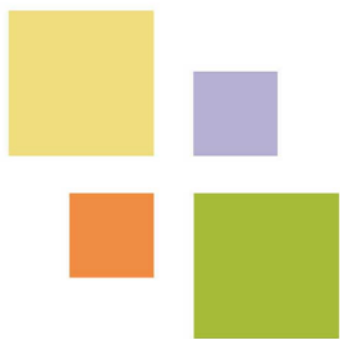
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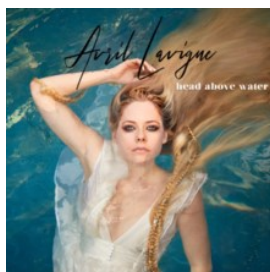
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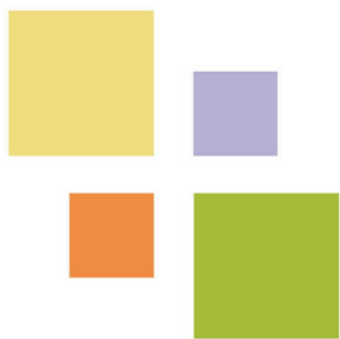
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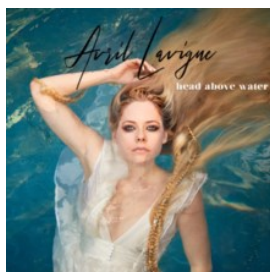
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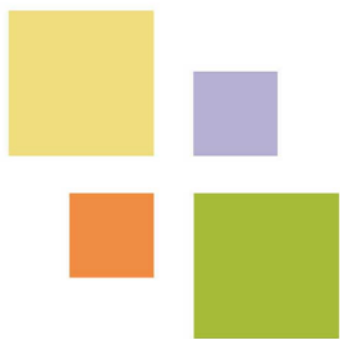
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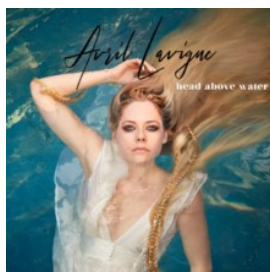
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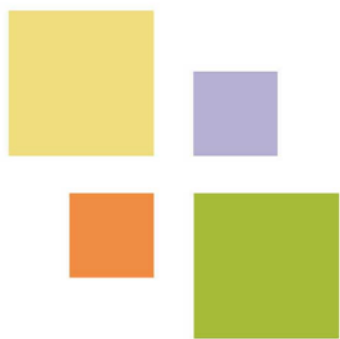
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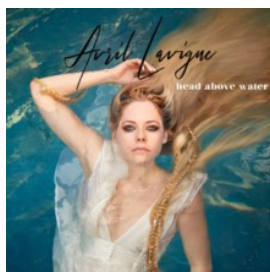
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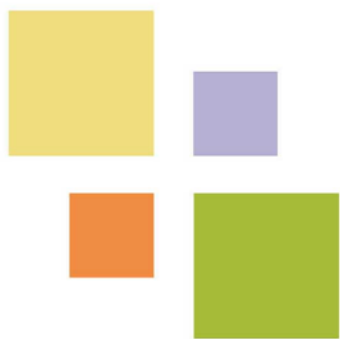
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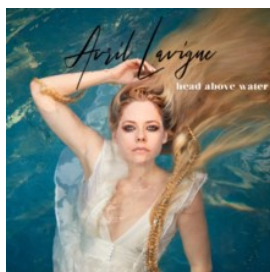
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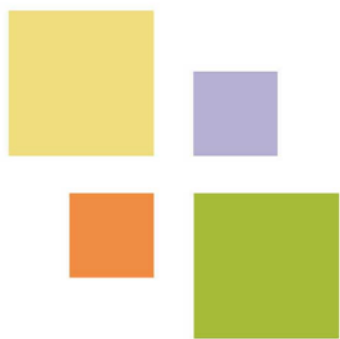
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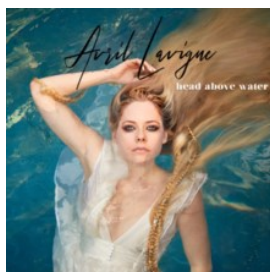
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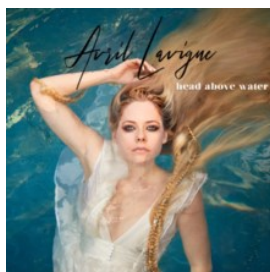
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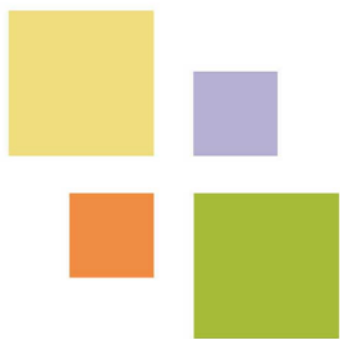
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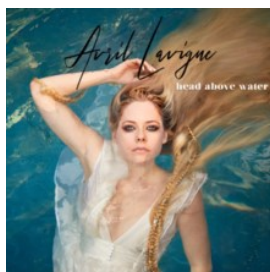
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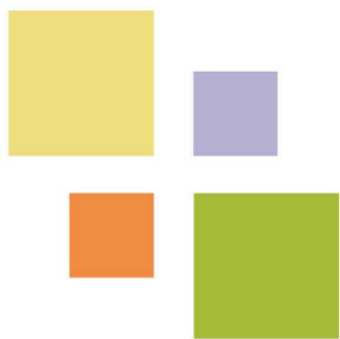
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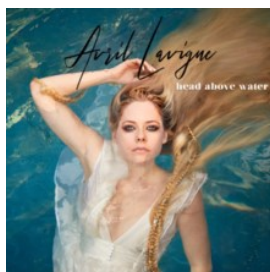
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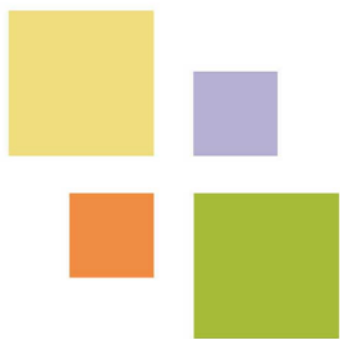
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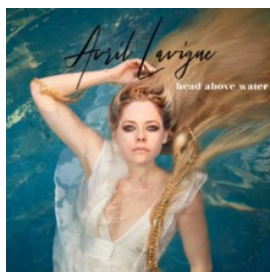
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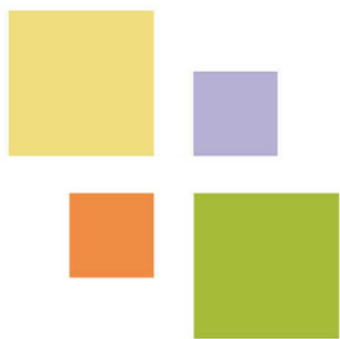
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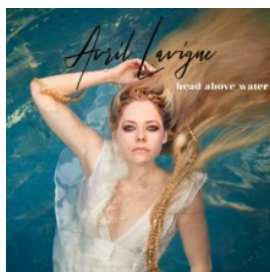
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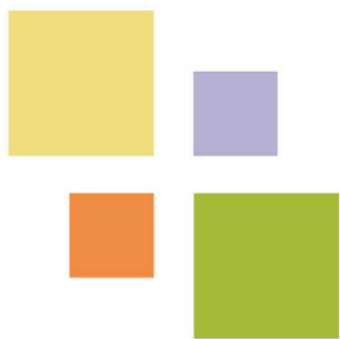
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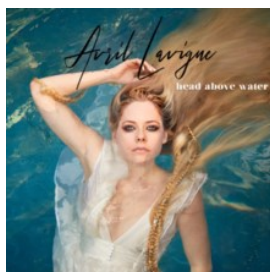
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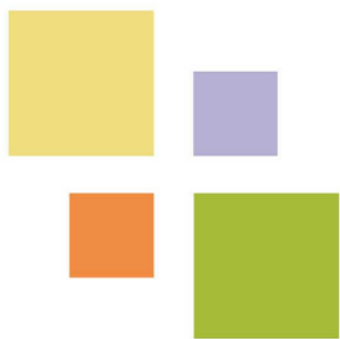
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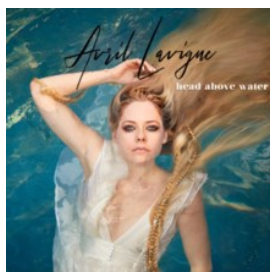
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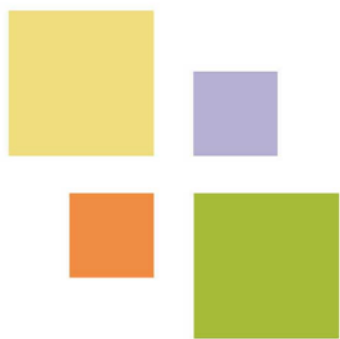
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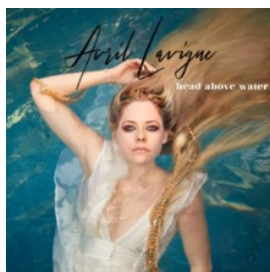
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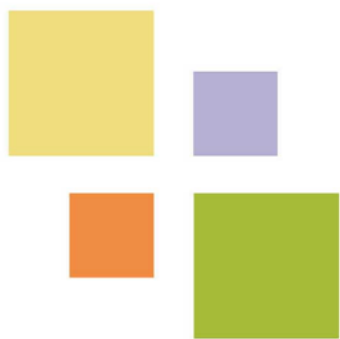
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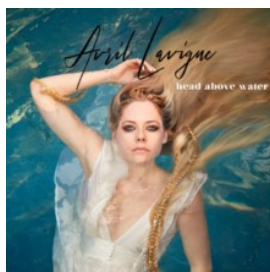
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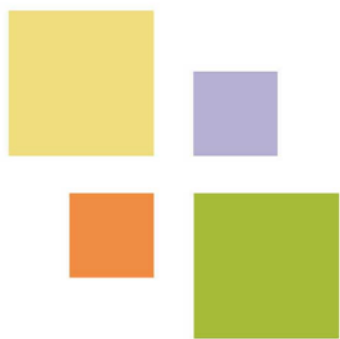
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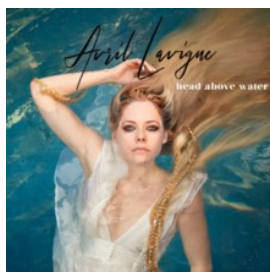
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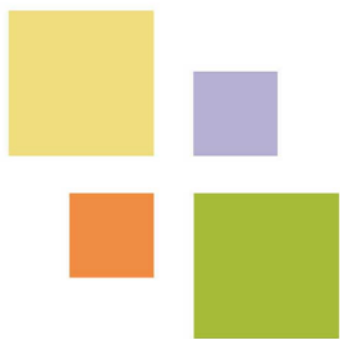
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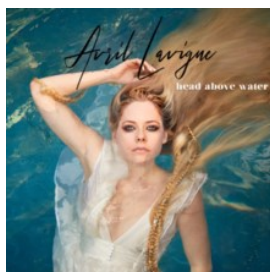
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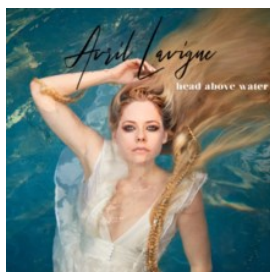
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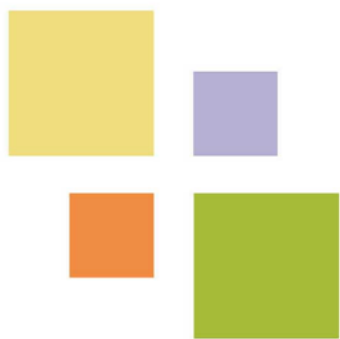
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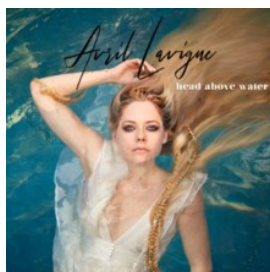
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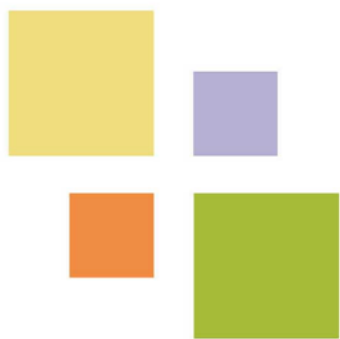
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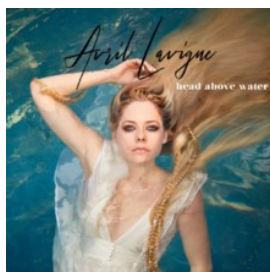
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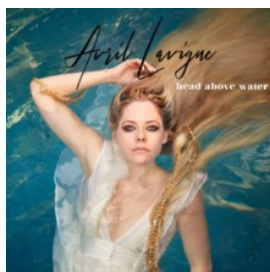
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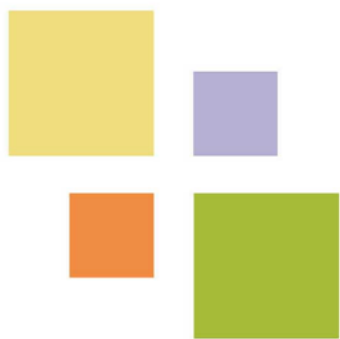
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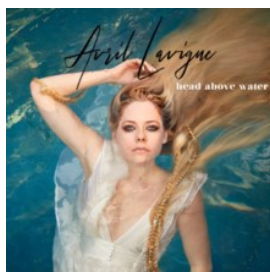
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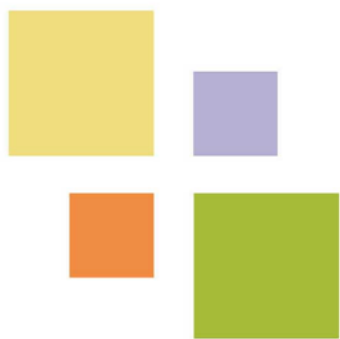
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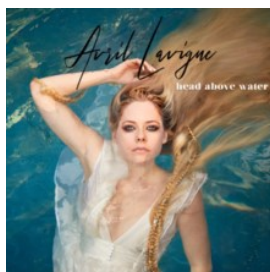
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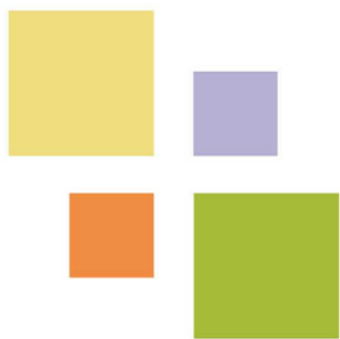
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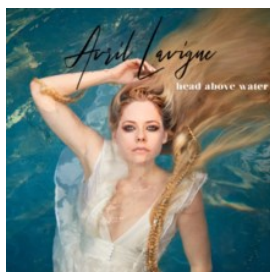
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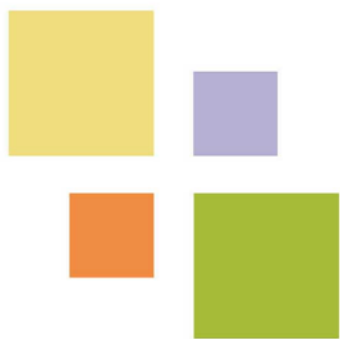
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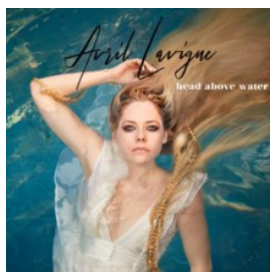
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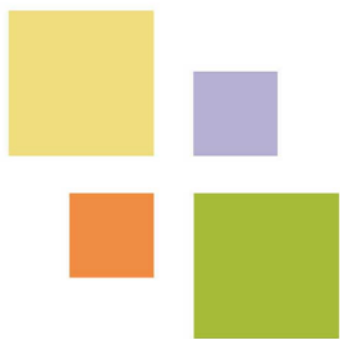
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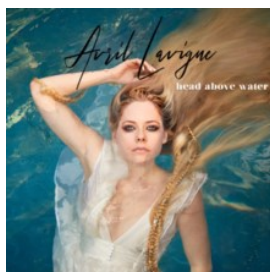
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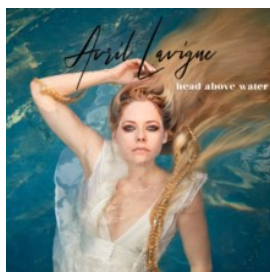
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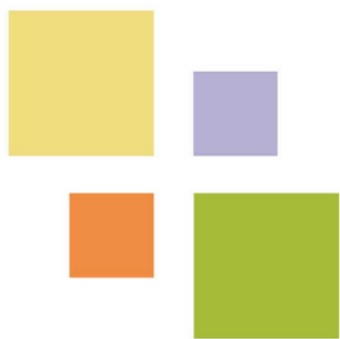
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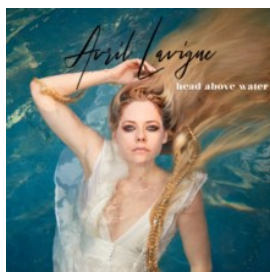
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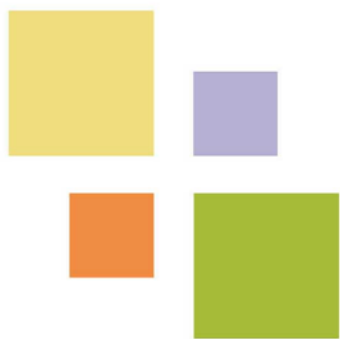
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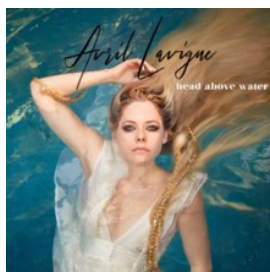
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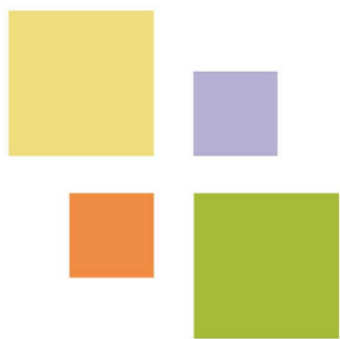
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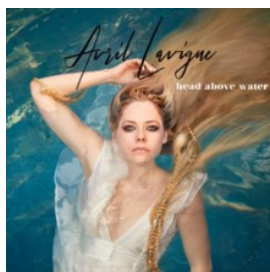
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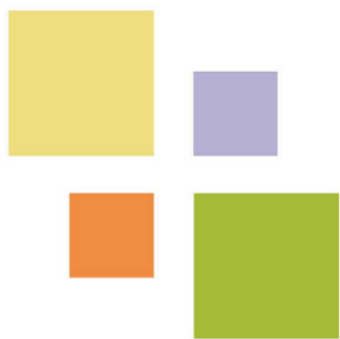
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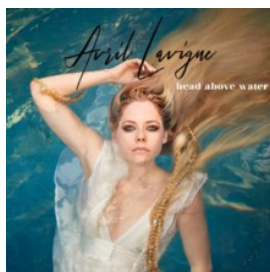
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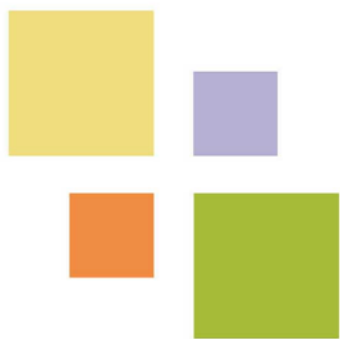
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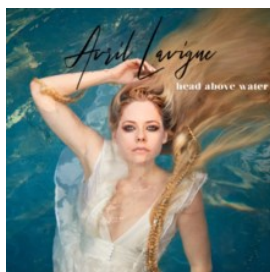
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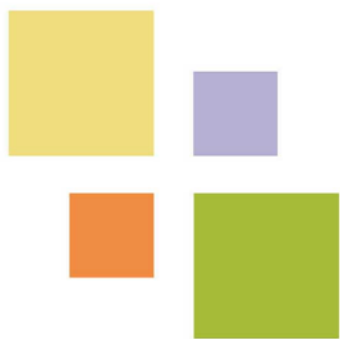
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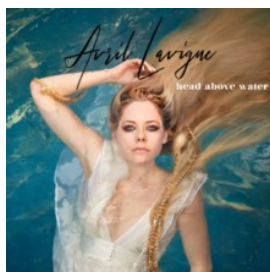
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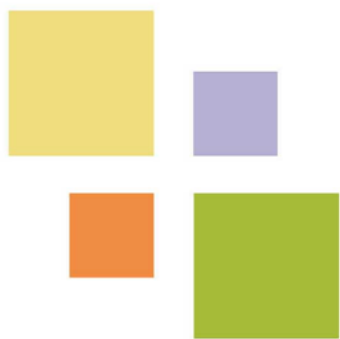
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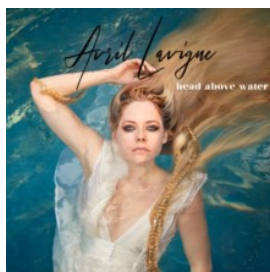
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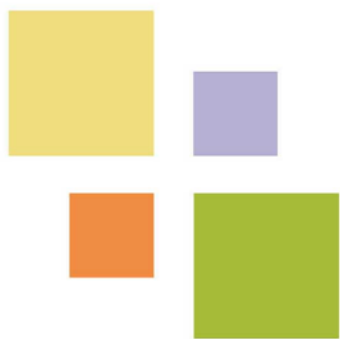
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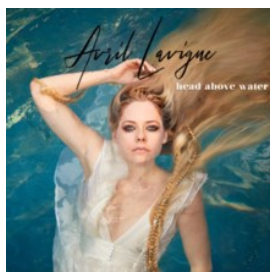
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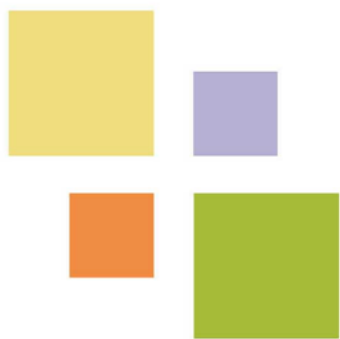
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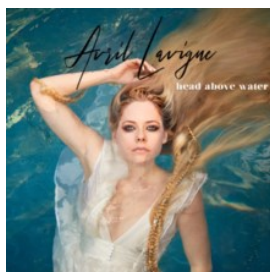
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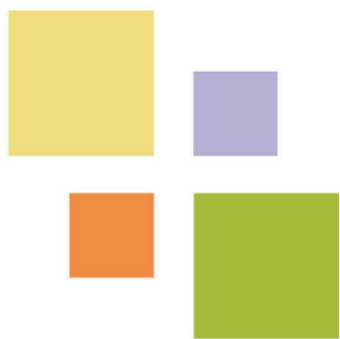
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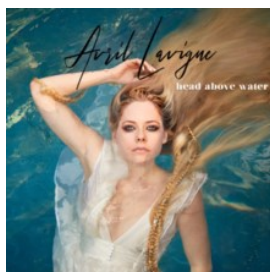
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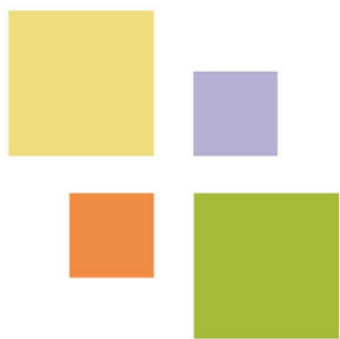
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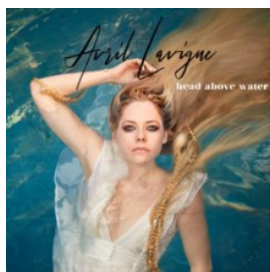
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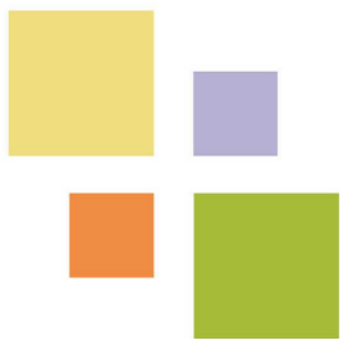
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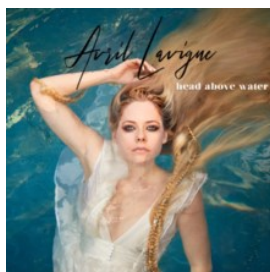
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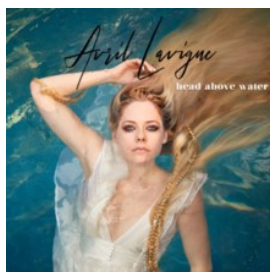
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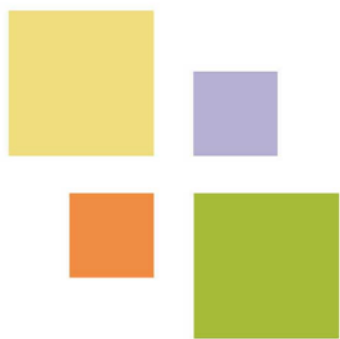
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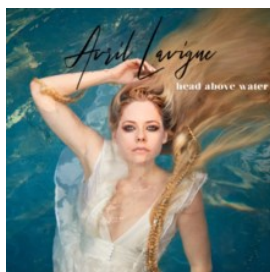
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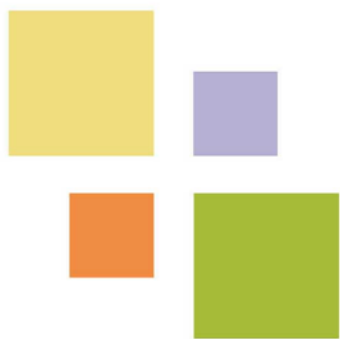
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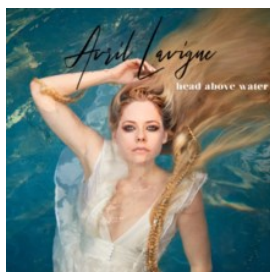
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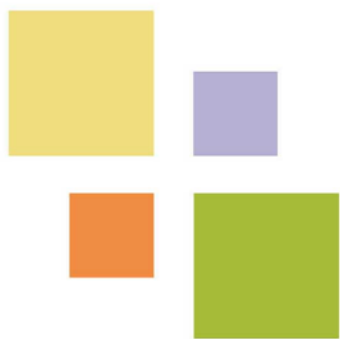
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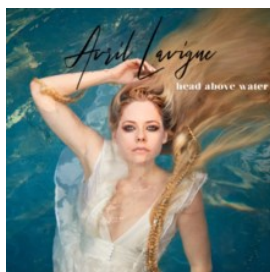
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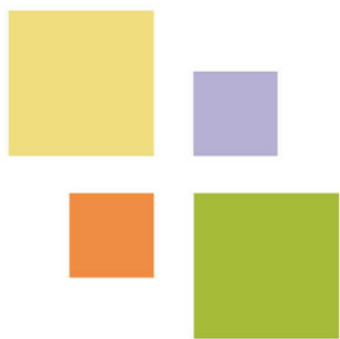
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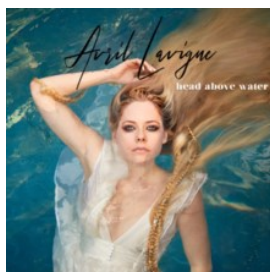
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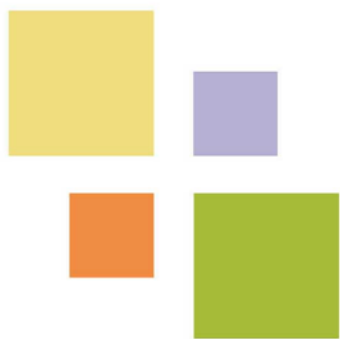
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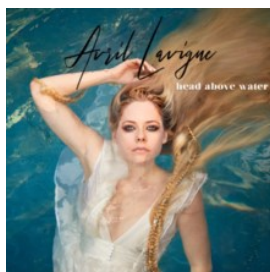
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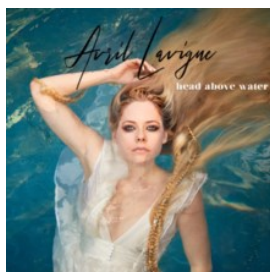
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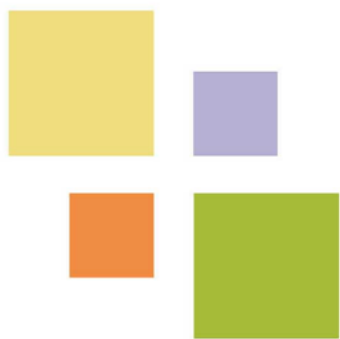
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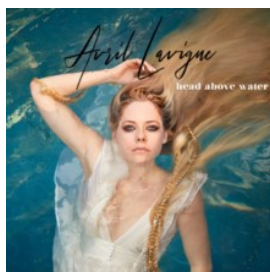
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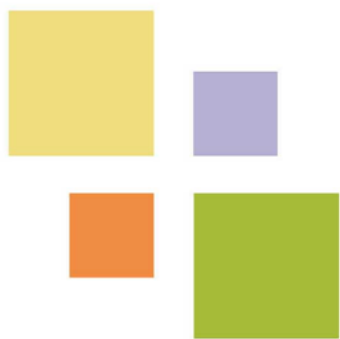
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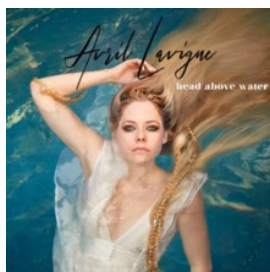
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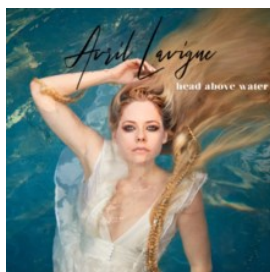
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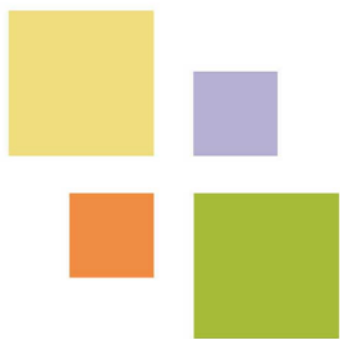
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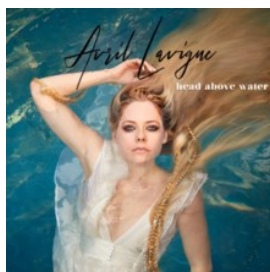
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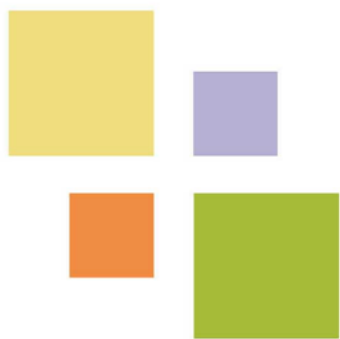
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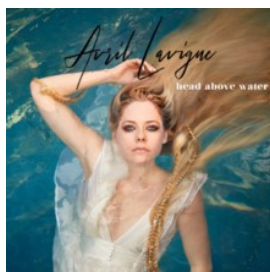
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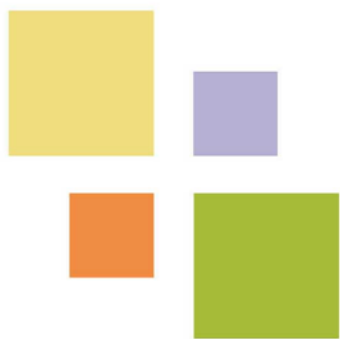
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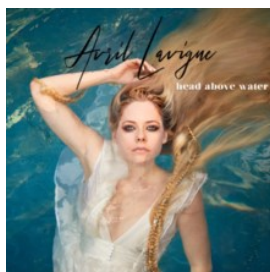
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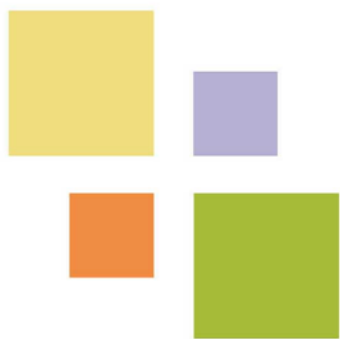
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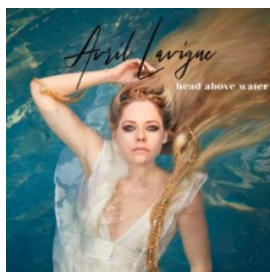
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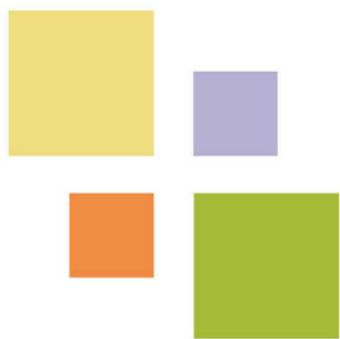
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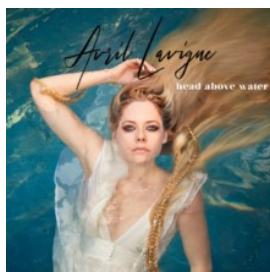
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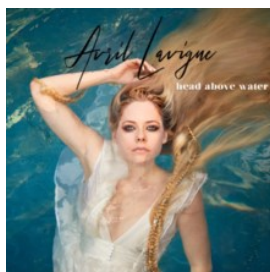
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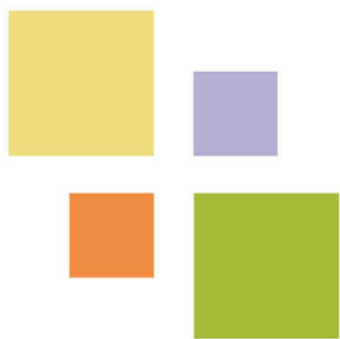
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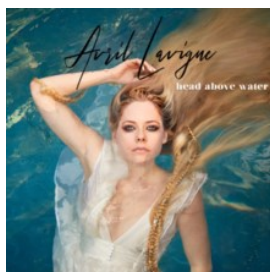
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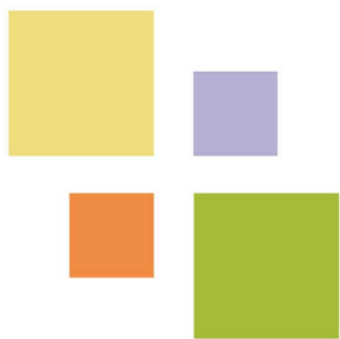
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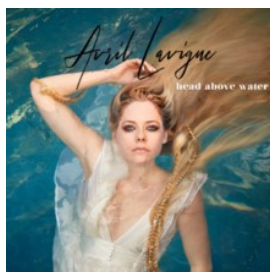
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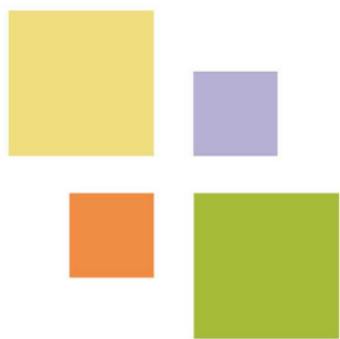
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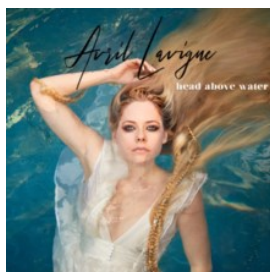
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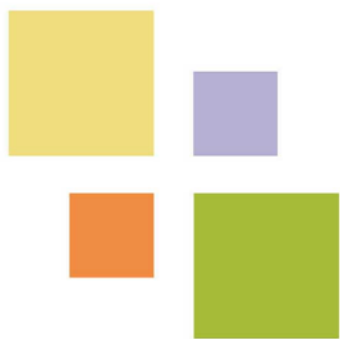
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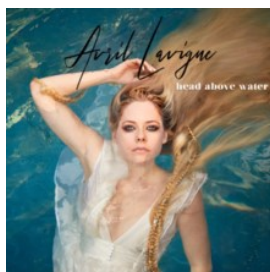
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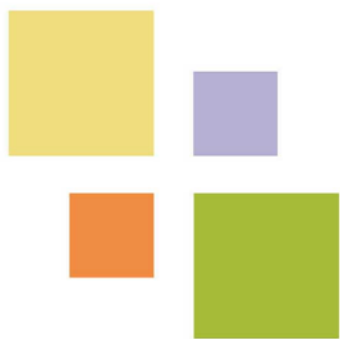
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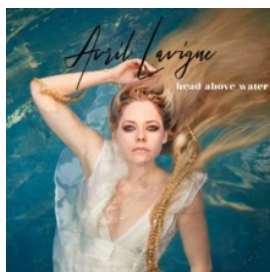
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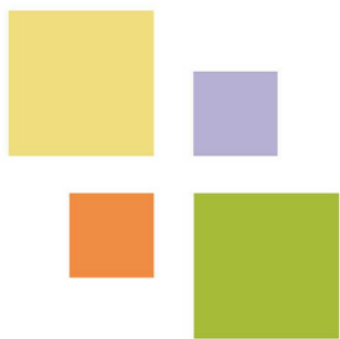
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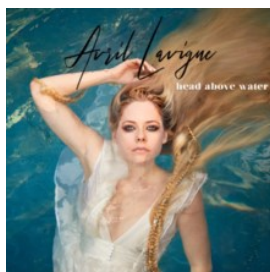
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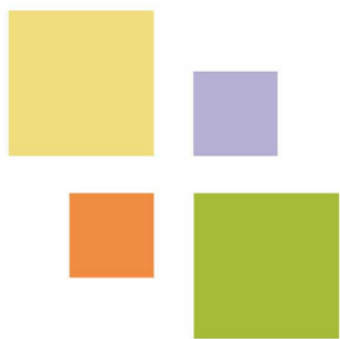
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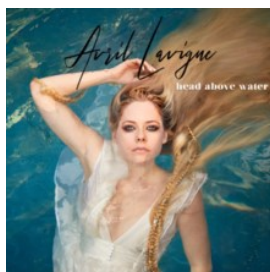
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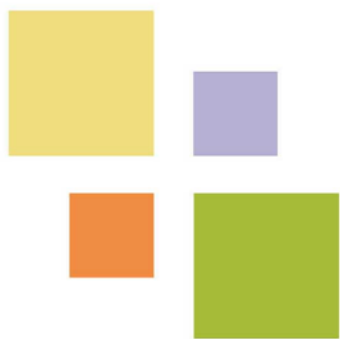
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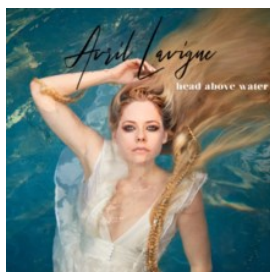
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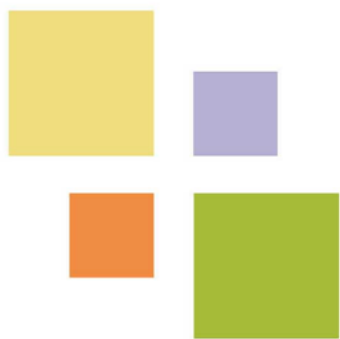
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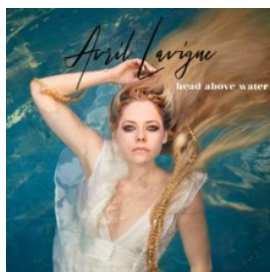
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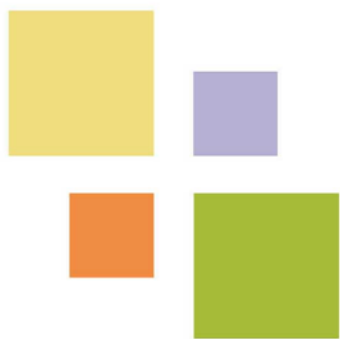
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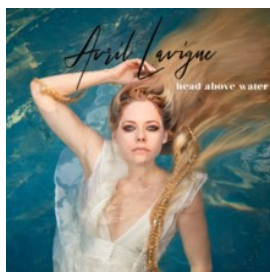
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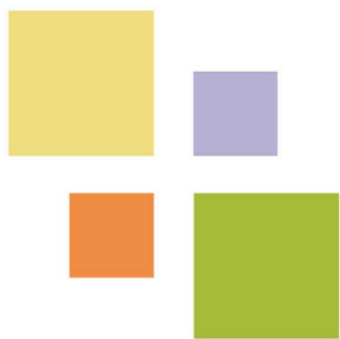
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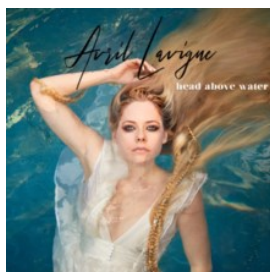
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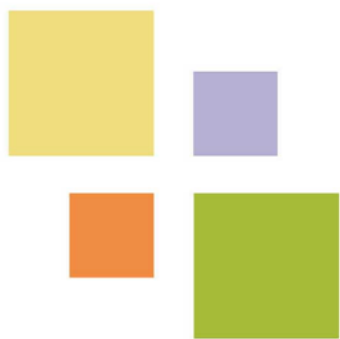
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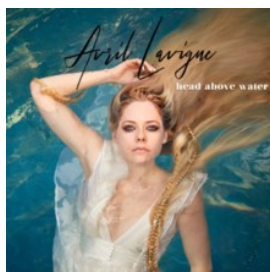
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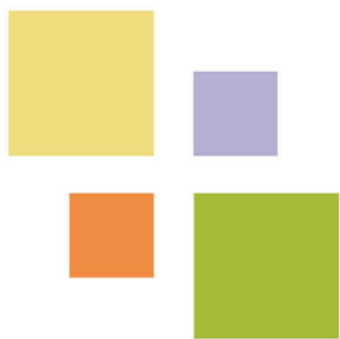
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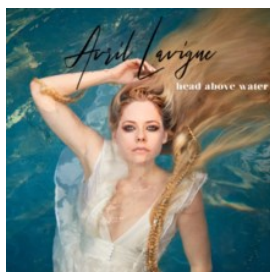
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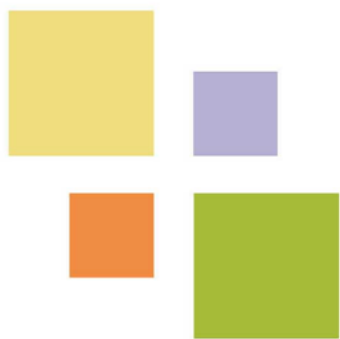
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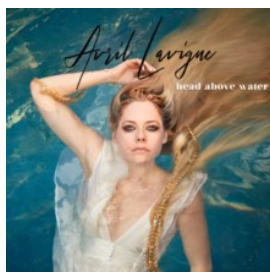
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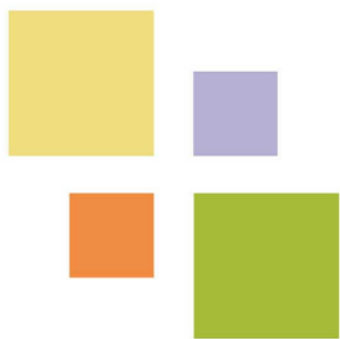
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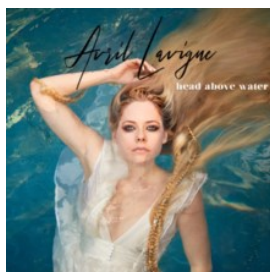
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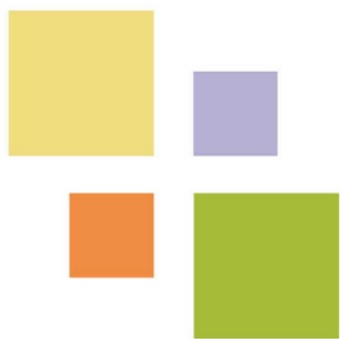
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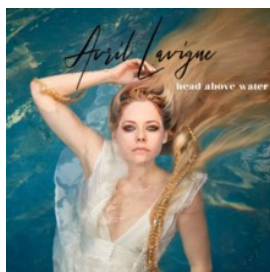
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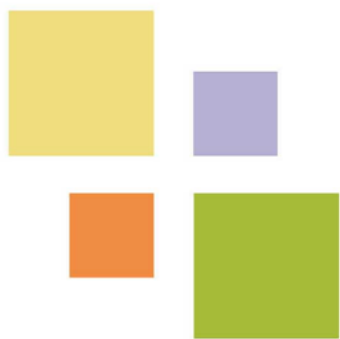
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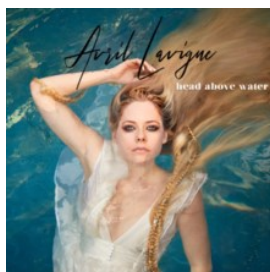
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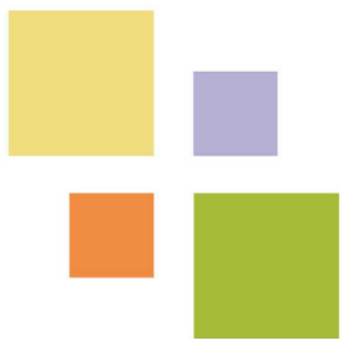
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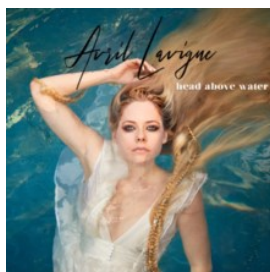
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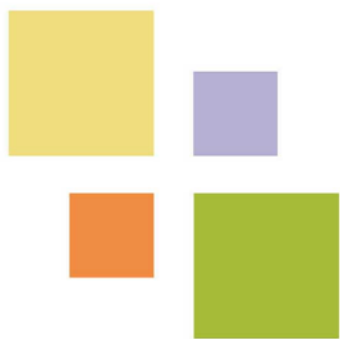
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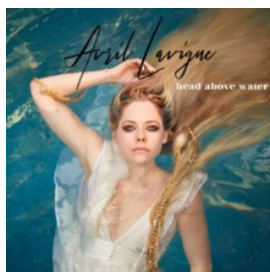
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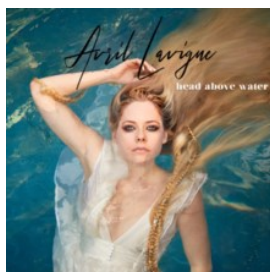
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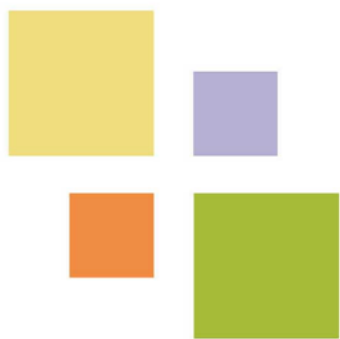
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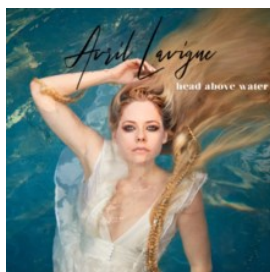
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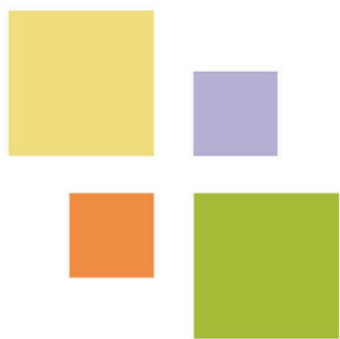
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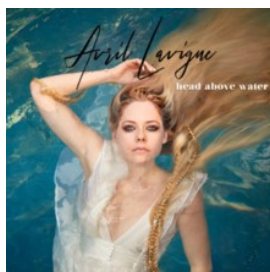
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**Young Love?** Among surveyed parents, 23% admit to having a favorite child. Among those, 56% say it's their youngest. ([inews.co.uk](http://inews.co.uk))

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# February Events

**SUNDAYS, 2/3, 10, 17, & 24**

**8:30AM**

**PRAISEMEISTERS REHEARSAL**

**8:30 - 9:20AM**

**LIBRARIANS AVAILABLE IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

**9:30AM**

**WORSHIP**

**11 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**12:00 - 12:30AM**

**LIBRARIANS AVAILABLE IN OUR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

**THURSDAYS, 2/7 & 2/21 10:00 AM – 11:30AM**

**ABC (ATONEMENT BABIES/TOTS CLUB)**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 10:45 AM**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**



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