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## How To Accept That You've Come Down With A Case Of Bieber Fever



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The year was 2011, and I was a senior in college, doing standard college things like schoolwork, studying, and figuring out all the ways to avoid laundry and adulting and shit. I had heard of this [Justin Bieber](http://www.pixable.com/article-tag/justin-bieber) (<http://www.pixable.com/article-tag/justin-bieber>) character, but didn't think much of him beyond that he was a little pop star kid from YouTube.

My college roommate convinced me to go with her to see the Biebs' documentary movie-type thing called "Never Say Never" (in 3D, no less) which cost me a whopping \$17 — New York City, guys. I went, because I'm a nice person, and was like... whatever, how bad could it be?

Well, guys, I'm here to say that it changed my world. I went home and bought every Bieber song on iTunes. I became transfixed. I had all the symptoms: racing heart, sweaty palms, slight vertigo. I came down with Bieber fever, and there was no cure.

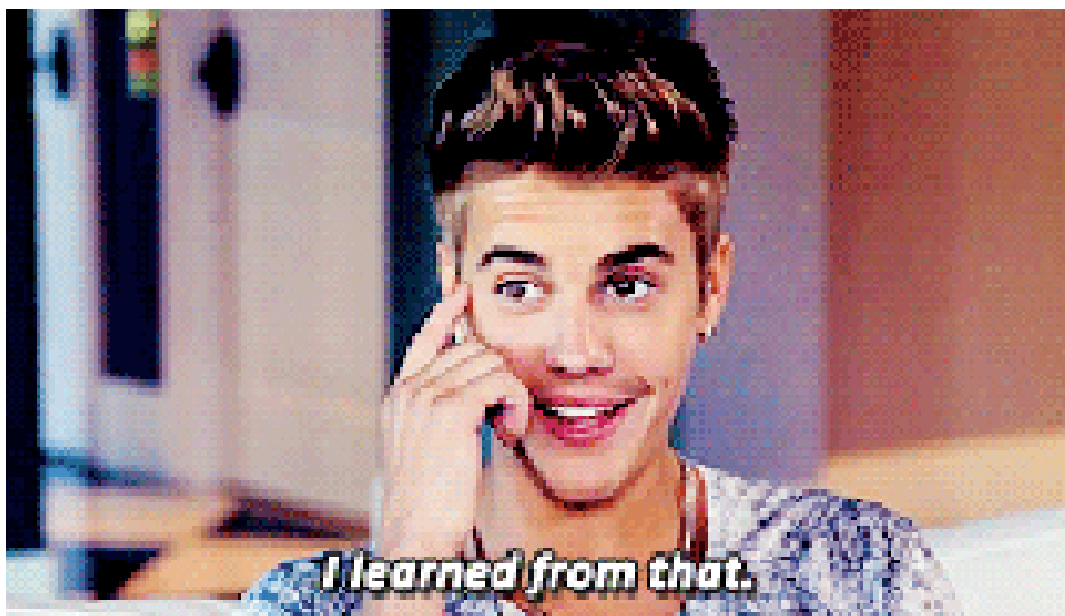
If you haven't seen the movie, you should — if only to see a pre-2015 Bieber in action. He's so cute, and had such humble beginnings — but what really got me was his raw talent. He had a definite star quality, that sheer magnetic *thing* that separates famous people from us regular folks. Plus, his songs were catchy as hell... and who

could resist that hair flip?



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But I, like the rest of the world, watched Justin's downward spiral (<http://www.pixable.com/article/lets-explore-many-pros-cons-justin-bieber-29794>) through the years with my hands over my eyes. How could he fall so hard, so fast? I defended him even when he became a laughingstock, and still loved his music. I tried so hard to give him the benefit of the doubt — he's so young, with so much money. Of course he's going to fuck up. He's probably surrounded by enablers, and his parents are less than stellar (<http://www.pixable.com/article/justin-biebers-dad-awkward-joke-39108>) — we'd all take a few wrong turns with that kind of trajectory — right?!



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I had faith that he could come back around — that he'd grow up and see the error of his ways. How many of us were perfect in our late teens and early 20s? I, for one, am thankful that I wasn't a multimillionaire — I'd probably do a lot of dumb shit, too.

Fast forward to 2015, and I'd like to believe that he's legitimately trying to fix the error of his ways. It ebbs and flows. Some days, he seems like he really is growing up. Other times, he pees in a janitor's bucket and reminds us why he's not so great at being a human. I'm here to tell you that it's okay to admit you're becoming a little bit of

a Belieber. It's okay to crawl out into the sunlight, proudly jamming to "Sorry" with a big 'ol smile on your cutie pie face. It's all okay.

Here's how you know you've come down with a case of Bieber fever:

## 1. You hear a JB song on the radio and you like it.. a little.



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"Is this.. is this Justin Bieber? This is.. kinda catchy. I think I actually *like* this song."

## 2. You debate whether or not you should download the song, and then go ahead and do it.



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"No one will know if I have *one* Justin Bieber song in my library... right??"

## 3. You then listen to it approximately 950 times, and eventually buy his whole album.



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That's you, rockin' out in your bedroom. I see you.

#### **4. You start slowly telling people that you enjoy it, and that they might like it, too.**



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True friends don't judge, right? RIGHT?

#### **5. You find yourself paying more attention to him — his performances, his TV show appearances (<http://www.pixable.com/article/justin-bieber-james-corden-carpool-karaoke-40809>)...**



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“OMG, how funny was Justin Bieber on ‘Fallon,’ guys?”

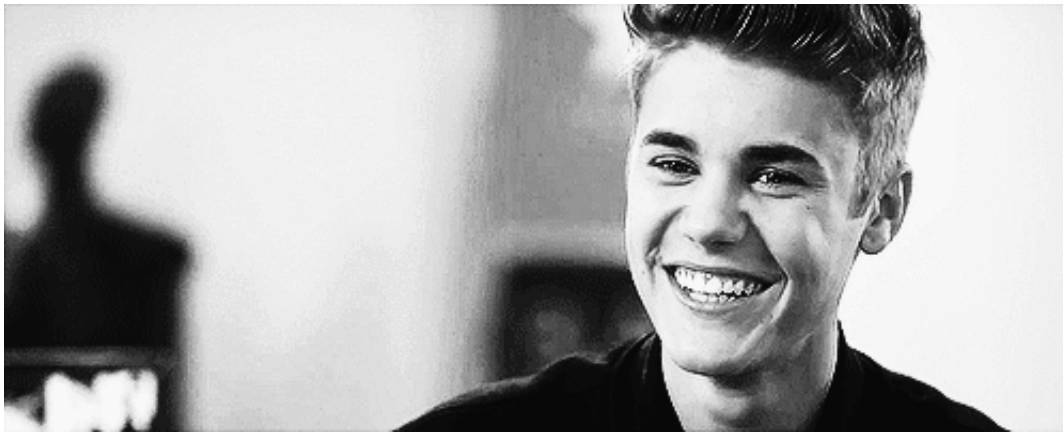
## **6. You find yourself with all the symptoms of a crush.**



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Remember that feeling? Weak in the knees when you see him smile, giggle when you hear him sing.. is it warm in here all of a sudden?

## **7. You've got a case of Bieber fever. I'm afraid there is no cure.**



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Acceptance is the only answer. Now go forth and prosper, new Belieber. Welcome to the club.

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