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Indie Folk Singer/Songwriter Ashley Jordan sings with a wonderful softness to her voice that naturally comforts the soul. Jordan, who is only 17 years old, also sings with a level of wisdom and maturity that one can enjoy each beautiful note that comes from Jordan's voice. Add her crafted [songwriting](#) into the mixture Jordan delivers like a true champion. Here is a recent feature with our Webzine that Jordan conducted that introduces her to our readers. Enjoy!

Isaac: Let's get started with this interview. When and how did you first become interested in music? How long have you been [playing music](#)?

Ashley: I've always loved music and supposedly was singing since I was a baby, but the first time I knew I had to have it in my life was after a sixth grade [talent show](#) at my school. I decided to sing an Avril Lavigne song - and I had never sung in front of anyone before. So I got a karaoke CD and in front of a hundred people in an auditorium I sang the song "I'm with You". I could feel how the audience was reacting and I remember feeling calm, yet powerful. I used the entire stage . . . and I felt like I belonged there. It was pretty surreal. I remember that everyone complimented me and even my parents were shocked at my ability and my ease of being on stage. A guy from the local newspaper was at the talent show and took my picture and it appeared on the front page of the paper that week with the caption "Next Teel Idol?". I was hooked!

From then on I more actively pursued music - first with [vocal lessons](#) and later with guitar. I've only been playing the guitar for a couple of years. I used to sing with other people playing accompaniment - like piano or guitar, but once I started performing places I realized that I wanted to play the guitar for myself and have control over the songs and when I was available to play. Plus, I had so much music in my head that I wanted to write and perform - it was just a natural progression that I would have an instrument available to help me write.

Isaac: Who would you say are your biggest musical influences and why?

Ashley: I would have to say [James Taylor](#), Ingrid Michaelson, Ellis Paul . . . and a Boston singer-songwriter (who I've had the pleasure of working with) John Gerard!!