

# *Speak Now*: Why It's The Best T-Swift Album

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Taylor Swift is one of the most versatile singer-songwriters of the century. She released her self-titled album, *Taylor Swift* at age 16. *Speak Now* was her third album, the release date being October 25th, 2010. The lead single of this album was the song “Mine”. “Mine” became very popular at the release of *Speak Now*. The song featured her country swang like the albums before. *Speak Now* Became more of a country-pop album than her previous two. All of her albums are considered narrative albums as most of her songs are written about her own personal experiences. Swift won many awards for this album and even an entry into the 2010 *Guinness Book of World Records*. Obviously, people have many different opinions about her albums. Early albums are very much Country but they slowly slide into country-pop and then to pop. Taylor Swift is easily one of the only artists who was able to produce multiple different genres of music and get the same amount, if not more, listeners.

Taylor Swift has a total of 10 albums, her most recent album came out October 21st, 2022. This album, just as her others, broke record after record. All of the songs on *Speak Now* are about personal experiences. The song “Innocent” was written after Kanye West interrupted Swift's VMA acceptance speech in 2009. One of the lyrics, “32 and still growin' up now, Who you are is not what you did,” Kanye was 32 at the time of the VMA incident. The song shows forgiveness and also jabs at the childish actions of West. The original name for the album was going to be *Enchanted* but producers felt the name didn't match the mature perspective that the album had.

In my personal opinion the songs on this album have the most variety lyrical wise. Swift goes from breakup songs, love songs, to songs about growing up, which includes many themes. The variety in the lyrics make it so endearing for listeners. I personally love the variety because I can choose to listen to that album and get all different types of songs whereas, other albums have somewhat of a theme to all the songs. I also really enjoy how some of the songs are more country pop and the others are pop. For instance the song, “Mean” gives the classic Swift twang while songs like “The Story of Us” and “Haunted” give us the duality of Swift's voice.

Overall her third studio album *Speak Now* is one of her greatest. There is talk that this album will be her next re-recorded album, but until that is confirmed, all we can do is hope.