

# MERGE

Don't just listen to music; listen to people



# OVERVIEW

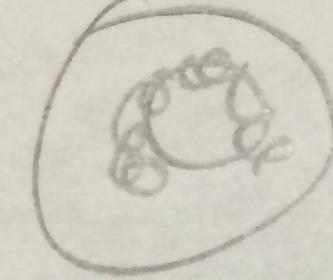
- UI walkthrough
- User tests
- Interface improvements

# MISSION

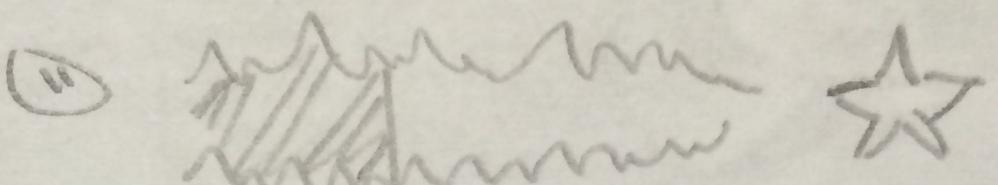
- Aid users in music discovery
- Ease the process of music sharing
- Connect users to friends and acquaintances through music

# UI SKETCH

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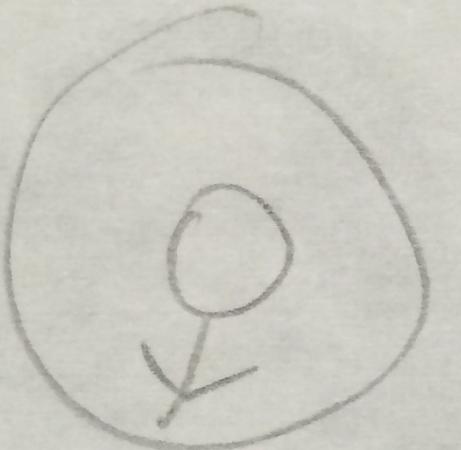


After the disco

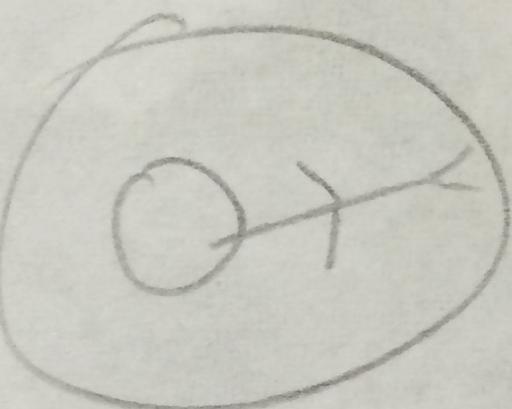


Broken Bells

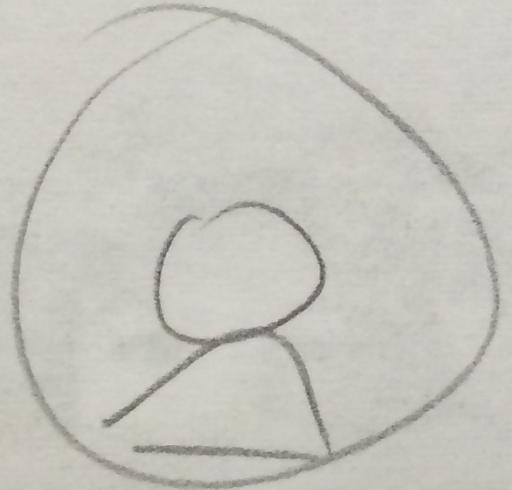
Friends Nearby



Mo



Lindsay



Uchechi



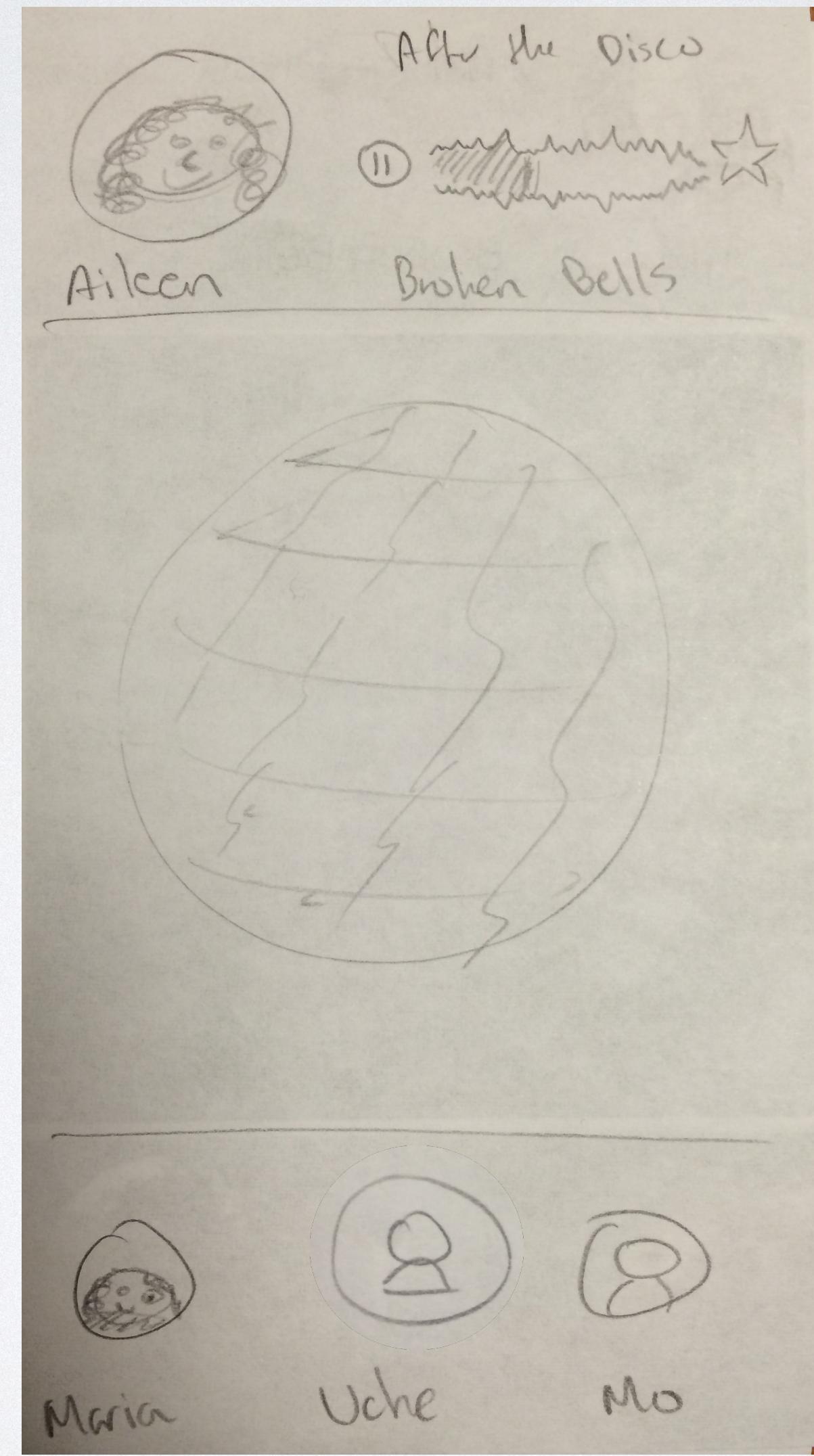
Maria

Aileen

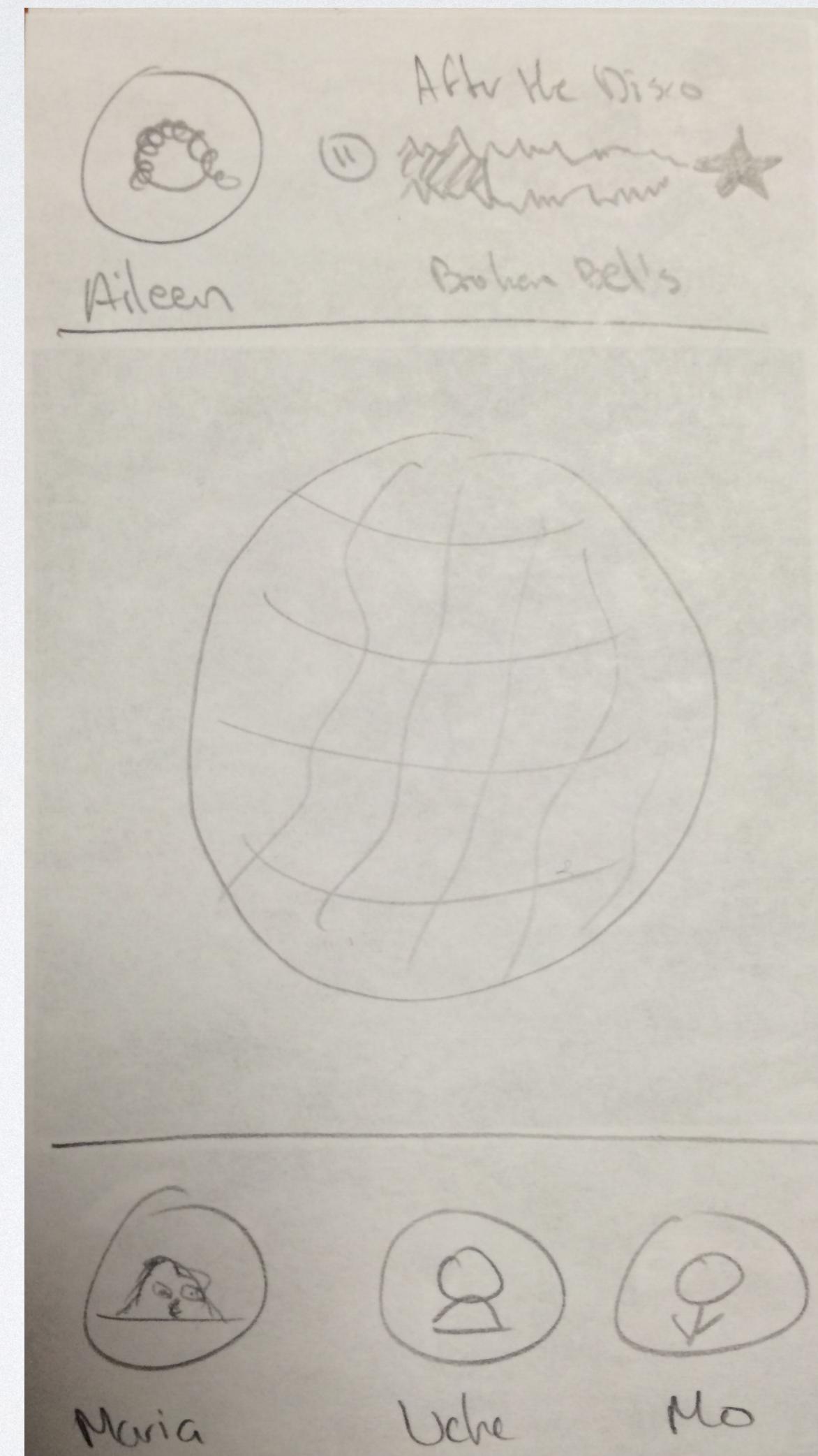
Trending

Nearby

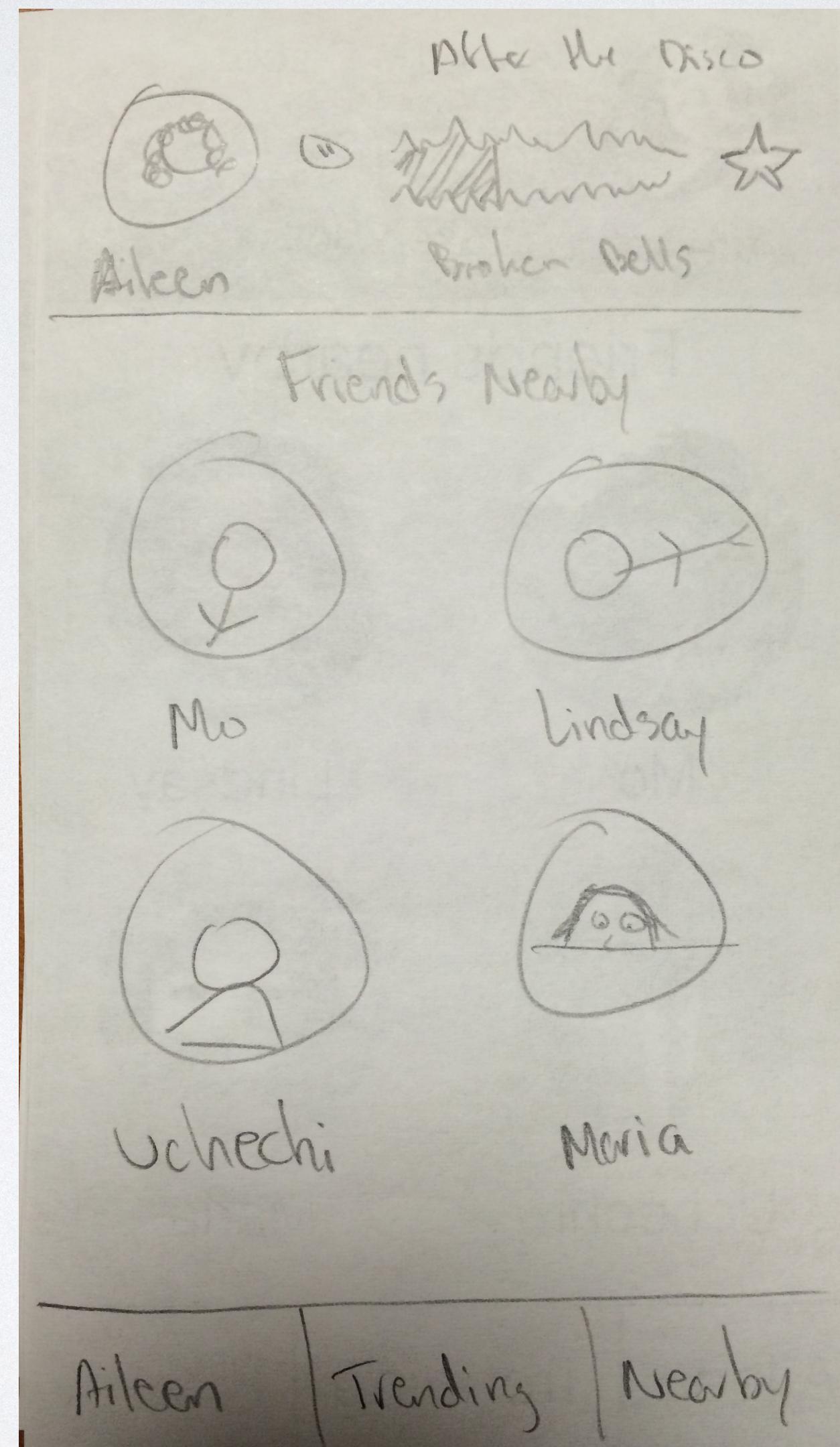
# SHARE MUSIC



# DISCOVER NEW MUSIC



# FORM NEW RELATIONSHIPS



# EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

- Users were picked based on interest in music and tech expertise
- Overview of app's uses and goals
- Given a sketch of the UI
- Asked to perform certain tasks

# TASKS

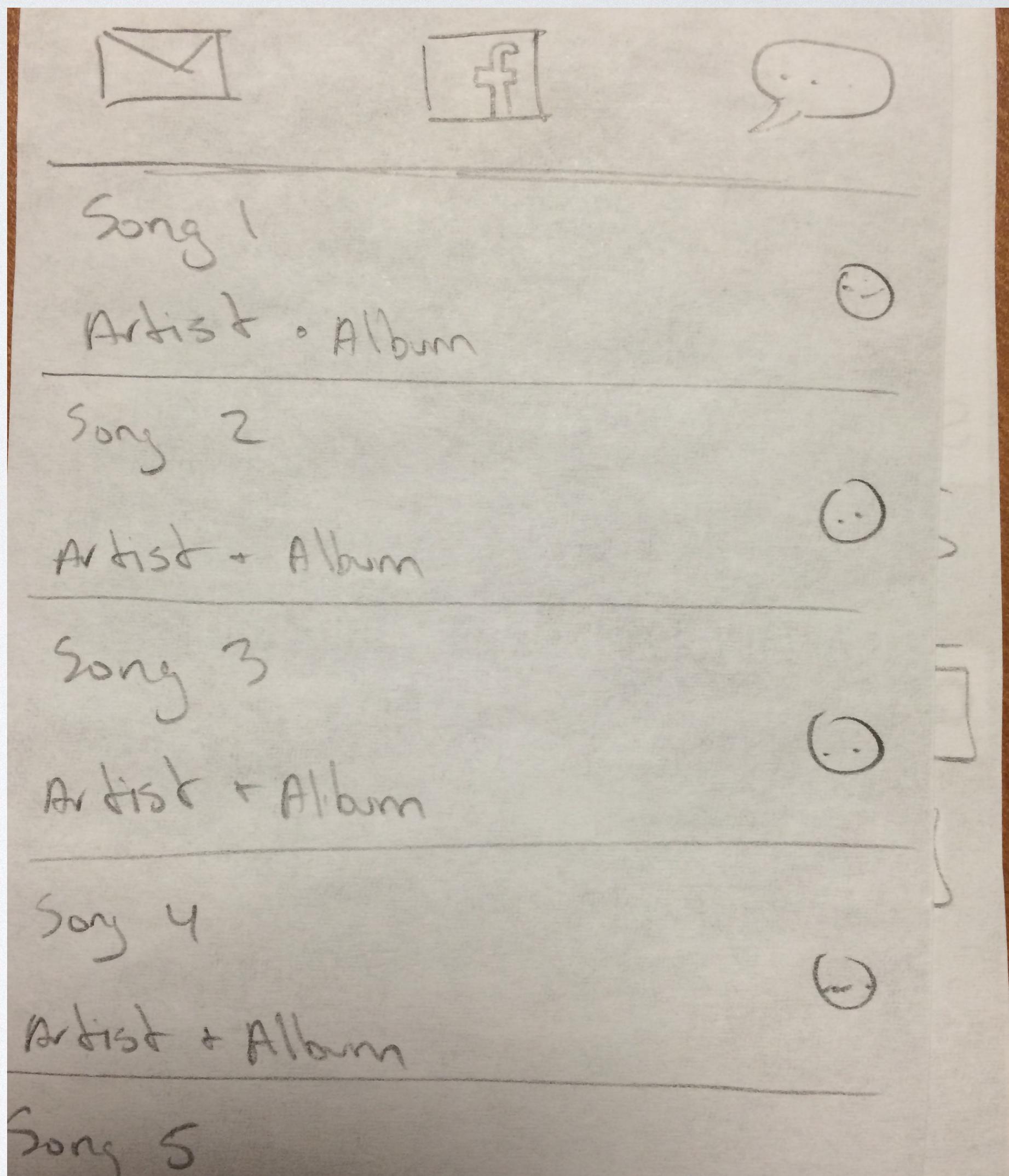
- Try and discover new music
- Change playlists
- Change song from playlist
- Save song to playlist
- Share song
- Discover new users

# RESULTS

- Users loved the idea
- “I only find new music through friends.”
- Many tasks were performed with ease

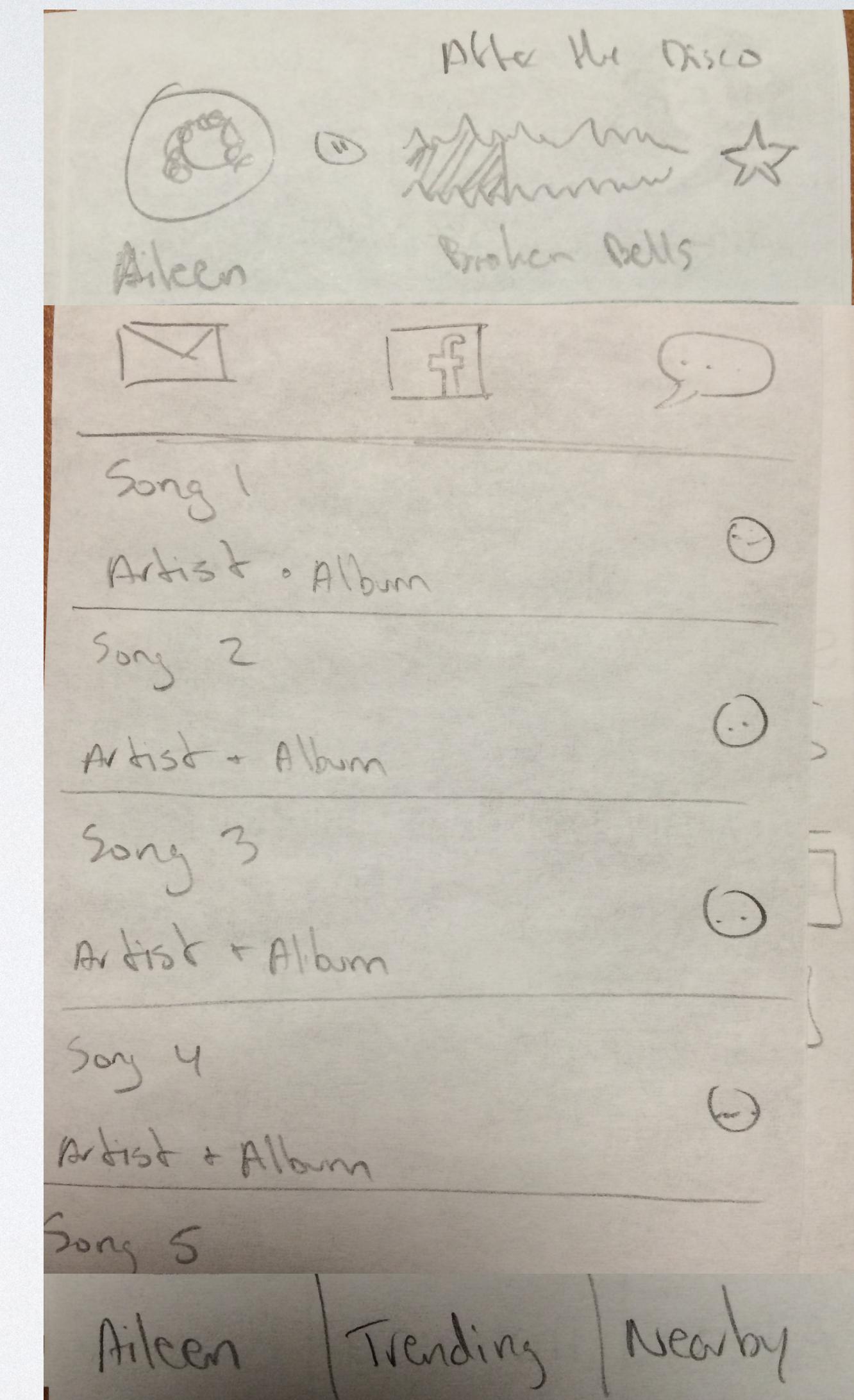
# USER CONTROL

- Users want to control their experience
- Edit their playlist
- Control what's playing



# COMPLEX UI

- What does favoriting do?
- Receiving recommendations
- User's personal info unclear



# IMPROVEMENTS

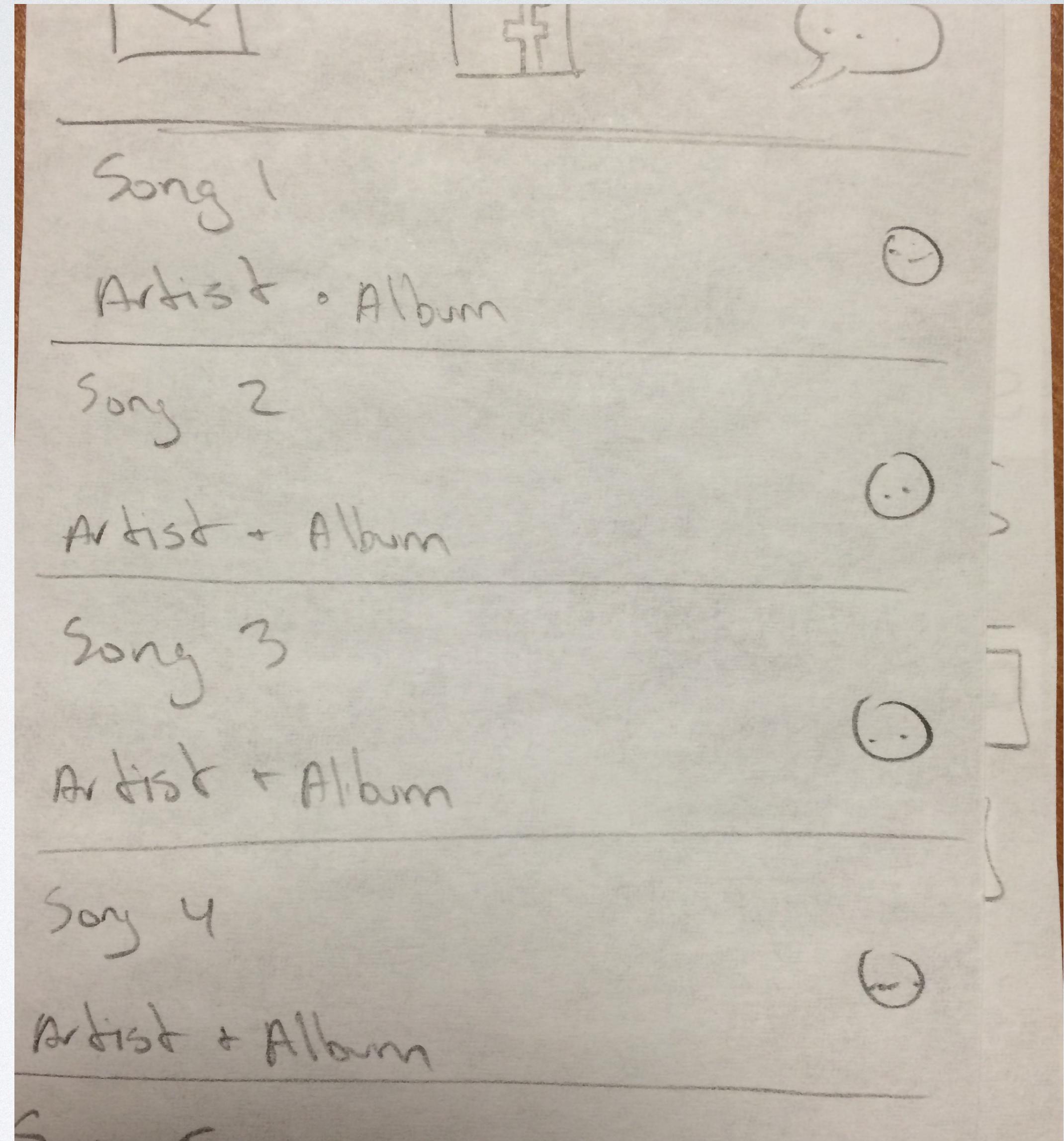
# INBOX

Provides a dedicated space for song recommendations

Inbox		
	Jack	"Harvest Moon" Poolside
	Sarah	"Suburban War" Arcade Fire
	Patrick	"The Light" The Album Leaf
	Samm	"Younger Us" Japandroids
	Emily	"Call Me Maybe" Carly Rae Jepsen
	Max	"You and I" Jessie Ware

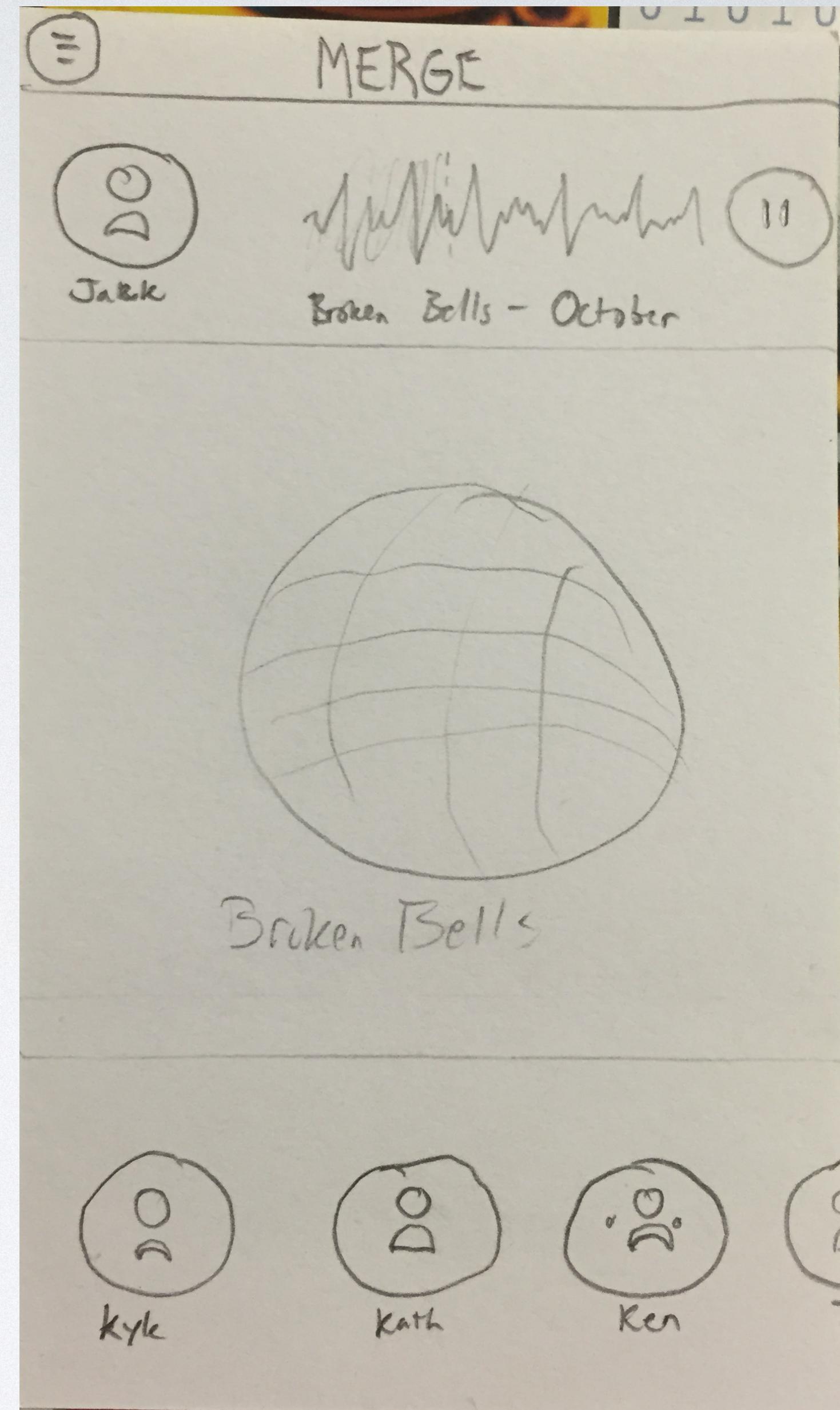
# USER CONTROL

- Allow users to view and edit their playlist
- Allow users to switch playlists



# UI CLARITY

- Hamburger menu
- Personal details



# CONCLUSION

- Merge is a social music discovery app
- Our idea and interface was well received by users
- Improvements can be made to improve the interface