ally and sonically from the 2017 bombing at her Manchester concert by embracing a world turned upside down. The pint-sized pop star, however, was in for a few more turns on life’s spin cycle (speed: unrelenting), as she ended her much-publicized engagement to “Saturday Night Live” star Pete Davidson weeks after ex-boyfriend and rapper Mac Miller died of a fatal overdose.

The arrival of her fifth studio album “thank u, next” on Friday, which dropped a mere six months after “Sweetener,” finds Grande in a spot likely she nor her fans could’ve anticipated: liberated from both romantic and musical attachments.