Lorde who was born Ella Maria Lani Yelich-O’Connor on November 7, 1996 in Auckland, New Zealand. Lorde was raise in Devonport, Auckland with her 3 siblings her father Vic O’Connor a civil engineer by trade and mother Sonja Yelich a prize-winning New Zealand poet. At age 13 Lorde signed with Universal by A&R scout Scott Maclachlan, who originally selected Lorde at the age of 12 after seeing a video of Lorde singing at her school talent show. At age 14 Lorde started working with Universal’s songwriters. Lorde released her first EP titled The Love Club on November 22, 2012. Lorde also released her debut album titled Pure Heroine on September 27, 2013. Lorde’s first single “Royals” debuted at #1 on the New Zealand Top 40 as well as reached #1 on the Billboard Hot 100, which made her the first New Zealand solo artist to have a number one song in the United States.

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