

= Buzzcut Season =

" Buzzcut Season " is a song by New Zealand singer Lorde , taken from her debut studio album , Pure Heroine (2013) . It was released on 23 September 2013 by Universal Music Group (UMG) as a promotional single from the album . Written by Lorde and Joel Little , " Buzzcut Season " features elements from tropical music and discusses the " ridiculousness of modern life . "

Upon its release , " Buzzcut Season " was met with positive reviews from music critics , who praised its production and Lorde 's vocal delivery on the track . The song reached number twenty @-@ nine on the US Billboard Hot Rock Songs and number thirty @-@ eight on the ARIA Streaming Tracks . Lorde performed " Buzzcut Season " during a number of shows , including the Late Show with David Letterman .

= = Background = =

" Buzzcut Season " was written by Lorde (credited under her birth @-@ name Ella Yelich @-@ O 'Connor) and Joel Little , and was produced and mixed by Little . Similar to other songs from the album Pure Heroine , " Buzzcut Season " was recorded at Golden Age Studios in Auckland . On 23 September 2013 , the track was released as a digital download promotional single on iTunes Stores by Universal Music New Zealand .

= = Composition = =

" Buzzcut Season " draws inspirations from tropical music , and features " light percussive snaps " and " trickling xylophone " instrumentation . Lyrically , the song talks about the " ridiculousness of modern life . " Sammy Maine from the website Drowned in Sound commented that the song was a " heartbreaking comment on our war @-@ driven way of life . " She pointed out the lyrics " Explosions on TV and all the girls with heads inside a dream " against M.I.A. ' s pop @-@ reggae musical style . Gaby Whitehill from Gigwise website called the song a " melancholy affair " and praised the " epic piano laden beat combined with the 16 @-@ year @-@ old 's haunting vocals . "

= = Reception = =

Jason Lipshutz from Billboard praised the song 's production and Lorde 's vocal delivery . Writer Michelle Pitiris for Australian magazine Vulture chose " Buzzcut Season " as a highlight from Pure Heroine and compared its sound to Air . Idolator editor Mike Wass labelled it " another twinkling postcard from the streets of Auckland " but felt that it failed to " capture the attention " like " 400 Lux " or " Tennis Court " , two other songs from the album . " Buzzcut Season " spent five weeks on the Australian ARIA Streaming Tracks chart , peaking at number thirty @-@ eight . It also reached number 29 on the US Hot Rock Songs . In New Zealand , " Buzzcut Season " peaked at number 18 on the New Zealand National Singles chart , which lists the best @-@ performing singles by New Zealand artists in the country .

= = Live performances = =

On 3 October 2013 , the singer held a concert at the Warsaw Venue in Brooklyn and performed the song among other tracks from the album . On 12 October 2013 , Lorde performed " Buzzcut Season " in Studio Q of CBC . On 13 November 2013 , Lorde performed several songs from Pure Heroine during the Late Show with David Letterman to promote the album , including " Buzzcut Season " . According to Rolling Stone , the " sparkly @-@ dressed " and " big @-@ haired " singer performed only backed by a drummer and a keyboard player .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Buzzcut Season " ? 4 : 06

= = Chart positions = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = = Year @-@ end charts = = =