Why is Everybody on the Internet so Mean?
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"It took 20 minutes. And we're like, 'Let's just take a little video. This is probably a weird time to post, but who cares? This is for us.' And then, obviously, it took on a life of its own." (Rolling Stone)

The internet sensation song, "If I Were a Fish," has suddenly become everyone's new best friend. It came out on April 11 and had 11 million views in two hours. Corinne Savage— aka Corook— and Olivia Barton are from Nashville, and they have been successful, but with their success came some criticism— because everybody on the internet is so mean.

"I am expressing myself in the purest way I know at this moment like I never have before," Corook told Rolling Stone. "And I think that leaves me out of a lot of boxes or groups that are way more clearly defined, whether it be the way I express myself colorfully, or my gender or genre of music. [The hate] just ended up shining a light on how lonely I feel right now in my life. I just ended up feeling really sad, like I didn't have anywhere that I fit in."

Their solution was to "get weird."

I learned the song this weekend from my daughter who is in her thirties and is somewhat "hip." In our family, we sing songs like this all the time and it is a great way to not take the world so seriously. This one is now in our family repertoire.

"I feel like there's a 90% chance if I started singing "If I Were a Fish" in this coffee shop right now at least half of it would sing along." (Hank Green)

If you want to read the article in Rolling Stone, here it is:

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