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Hear Lana Del Rey's Aching Daniel Johnston Cover

Singer's version of "Some Things Last a Long Time" appears in new short film about the indie legend

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Lana Del Rey's subdued, aching take on Daniel Johnston's "Some Things Last a Long Time" was previewed in the trailer for Gabriel Sunday's new short film "Hi, How Are You Daniel Johnston?" — available for streaming tomorrow — and can now be heard in full. Listen to Del Rey's take on the emotional song from the cult-favorite indie musician.

For the cover, Del Rey gives a restrained performance that diverges from her typically more sultry, semi-campy noir approach. Her version also replaces the original piano backing with guitars and drums, giving the tune an even fuller sound.

In 2013, Del Rey and rapper Mac Miller donated \$10,000 each to the film's Kickstarter campaign, making both artists executive producers. The campaign itself raised over \$57,000, and the film will finally be available on-demand beginning November 13th.

"Hi, How Are You Daniel Johnston?" is not a documentary like 2005's critically acclaimed *The Devil and Daniel Johnston*. Instead, the short will be structured as a "psychedelic film about an aging musician coming to terms with the dreams of yesteryear."

The 15-minute film premiered in Los Angeles at the MAMA Gallery and featured many of Johnston's original paintings and early drawings from Seventies and Eighties. "It moved me. It was sad. It touched me," Del Rey said at the event, according to *Billboard*. "There were so many dimensions in one room, the past, the present at the time and then here he is, right there, watching himself. I guess the one thing I hoped is that he understood that while he's home alone doing his art still — he says he writes every day — that he knows that he really did make a difference in people's lives. He made a difference in mine."