



### **Keshi**

Keshi grew up with Vietnamese parents in Texas where he learned how to play piano at age thirteen from his grandfather. Growing up in Texas, Keshi felt out of place from his Asian American heritage particularly where “he wasn’t the same as his American friends either, who would have the traditional American experience of barbeques and all” (*Vice* 2019). He became more exposed to music in high school and was influenced by the show *Drake and Josh*. Keshi became an oncology nurse to be safe, but he still loved music and released his self-composed songs on Soundcloud in 2017. Keshi released *The Reaper* in 2018 and gained recognition and fame when K-pop idols including BTS started to like his music. In 2019, he quit his nursing job and signed on to Island Records. Then his *Gabriel* (2022) debuted as #27 on the Billboard Artist 100. Keshi’s stage name came about because his future fiancé’s parents could not pronounce “Casey” and ended up pronouncing it like “Keshi” which he later adopted.

*Note: Some songs listed might have explicit content; listener discretion advised.*