

## MUSIC

# SUFJAN STEVENS'S JAVELIN – AN ODE TO LOVE AND LOSS

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Sufjan Stevens' latest addition to his discography, *Javelin*, is a piercing piece of poetic narrative that showcases the artist's ability of

skillful storytelling. Dedicated to the passing of his partner and best friend, the album breaks down into a personal work of art that delves into Sufjan's psyche as he

explores ideas of life, love, and most importantly, loss. The album consists of 10 mesmerising tracks, with a total runtime of 42 minutes and 4 seconds. The first track, "Goodbye Evergreen", is a ballad with melancholy seeping from its sombre piano tunes. The track beautifully sets the main theme of the record: painful but gradual acceptance of loss. With soft fingerpicking patterns on the guitar, hushed whispered voices, and tasteful consonant vocal harmonies, Sufjan Stevens' *Javelin* has it all. In fact, *Javelin* seems to be one of his most ambitious pieces of work. The songwriter has set a new bar for the indie-folk genre with his new studio album. It is a touching piece of creative work capable of sending the listener to a bittersweet yet nostalgic feeling of home and is a must-listen record for both old and new fans.

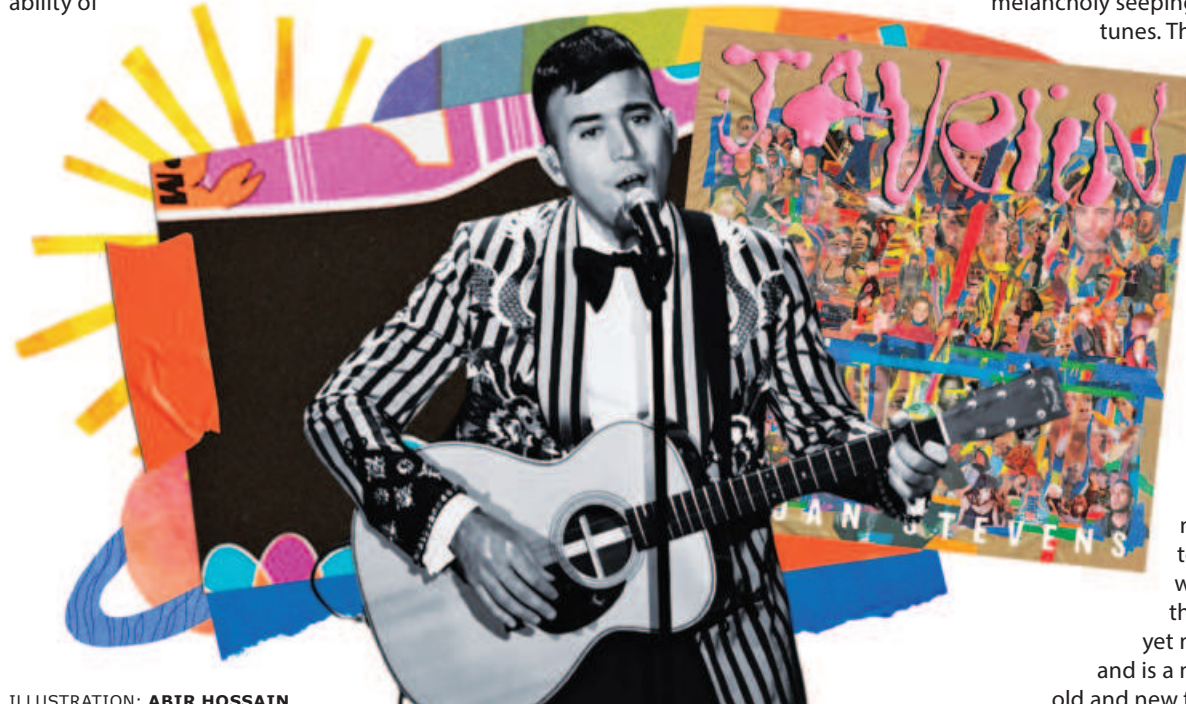


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## LETTER

**Dear Campus,**  
School and university life appear to be completely different. I do appreciate my growth as an individual and the freedom that it entails. But there are moments when I long for the days when the only responsibility I had to shoulder the burden of was the weight of my schoolbag. It is difficult to balance school, being away from home, and make a living all at once, but it has strengthened me and better equipped me for the future.

Sincerely,  
**Suhana Prova**  
2nd year student, Computer Science and Engineering  
BRAC University

## RESPONSE

**Dear Suhana,**  
There is clearly a lot on your plate right now. Understandably, it is very difficult but you should be incredibly proud of yourself. What you're doing takes a great deal of strength, especially considering that you've had to adapt to significant changes in your lifestyle. Naturally, it will get very exhausting from time to time. During such phases, take it easy, spend time doing things you enjoy, and reach out to your loved ones back home. The key isn't to constantly keep toiling away, it is to strike a balance between periods of work and relaxation.

Regards,  
**Campus**

## OPPORTUNITIES

**Daraz - Graphic Designer**

### ELIGIBILITY

Bachelor's degree in any discipline from any reputed university.

Minimum 2 to 4 years of working experiences in relevant fields.

Proficient in Adobe Illustrator and Adobe Photoshop or other equivalent software.

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### ELIGIBILITY

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