

SINGLE PRESS RELEASE

Maria Kelly *i leave early*



Artist: Maria Kelly

Single: *i leave early*

Release: 25th October 2019

For fans of: Lucy Rose, Julia Jacklin, Fenne Lily, Liza Anne

“...pensive and exquisite...” - **The 405**

Poignant singer-songwriter **Maria Kelly** makes her 2019 debut with her latest confessional offering. ***i leave early*** is out on **25th October 2019** via **Veta Records**.

Lyrical intimate and sonically tender, *i leave early* once again showcases Maria's ability to create stunningly introspective soundscapes that are both visceral and honest. Maria's distinctively soft vocal style reflects the song's vulnerability effortlessly, sounding akin to the likes of **Lucy Rose** or **Julia Jacklin**. Talking about the song's meaning, Maria explains, "*i leave early* is the first of a series of songs about avoidance. I've touched on social anxiety before but this one is about one party in particular. I really wanted to leave but so desperately wanted to be included at the same time. I had so many distorted thoughts during that period and I made many excuses of why I would be better off if I just left. Anything to avoid admitting that it was probably my own insecurity holding me back. I hope if anyone has been in a similar position, they can feel less alone with that feeling. This song has made me feel a little lighter about that, and I hope it does the same for you."

Raised in the West of Ireland, nestled somewhere along the Atlantic Way, Maria spent many years developing her sound into a delicate blend of alt-folk. Maria has already played numerous shows in both the UK and Ireland performing alongside the likes of **James Vincent McMorrow**, **Lisa Hannigan** and **Paul Noonan**, as well as playing at the **Great Escape Festival**, **Electric Picnic**, Ireland's acclaimed **Other Voices Festival** and the **Imagining Ireland** shows in the **National Concert Hall** and the **Barbican**. Maria has previously received praise from various online publications including **Consequence of Sound**, **Earmilk**, **Wonderland**, **Mahogany**, **The Line of Best Fit** and **Radio X**. She has also been featured on **Spotify's New Music Friday**, **Modern Eclectic** and **Fresh Folk** playlists to name but a few.

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