

the fall of 2012, Zach Sobiech performs an acoustic rendition of "Sexy and I Know It" to an amused crowd at his school's talent show. Zach has been struggling with osteosarcoma and has been receiving regular treatments for it. His best friend, Sammy Brown, conspires with him by helping him to write music ("Blueberries"). With Zach having been given the opportunity to play at the Metro Theatre, they decide to combine the concert with prom, a graduation, and a fundraiser for osteosarcoma. They continue to bond over songwriting ("Fix Me Up") and Sammy posts their music on YouTube which earns them some fame. Despite this, Zach is certain that he will fail to achieve anything beyond the video. He is later given encouragement by Mr. Weaver. Zach's father, Rob, borrows a Nissan GT-R for him to drive and impress Amy with. While at her house, the two proceed to make out ("My Little Dancer"), but when Amy comments on his scars, Zach becomes despondent and tells her that he will never offer the things she wants from him and breaks up with her while leaving in a huff. Sammy begins the show by performing "How to Go to Confession" before Zach heads out to perform "Clouds". Zach's breathing begins to labor, but he is moved when the entire audience sings the song for him. Zach passes away on May 20, 2013. Even though he never made it, Zach wrote a college essay telling people that you don't need to find out you're dying to start living. Sammy, Amy and other friends come together for a group photo in remembrance of Zach; noticing that a cloud in the sky resembles a "Z". They head to New York City to sign their contracts, calling their band A Firm Handshake ("Ames"). On the flight back home, Zach suddenly has a moment of creative energy and writes the song "Clouds" and records it shortly afterwards, becoming a colossal hit. In the spring of 2013, Weaver reveals to Zach and Sammy that he showed their video to BMI and that they want to sign them.