



Skinny Boyfriend is a flirtatious rush of synth-charged indie rock from Glasgow's Ellijai, bringing driving electronics, punchy guitars and a huge pop chorus to the thrill of falling for an unlikely heartthrob who is all bones, attitude and irresistible rock-star energy.

about "Skinny Boyfriend"

- **Theme:** Fixation, attraction and contradiction, being drawn to someone who appears innocent but carries undeniable rock-star energy.
- **Style:** Vocal-led synth rock and indie rock, driven by powerful vocals, sharp guitars, bold production and a punchy, chant-along chorus.
- **Influences:** Wolf Alice, Paramore, Yeah Yeah Yeahs

- **Creative Credits:** Written and performed by Ellijai Macfarlane : Recorded by Ewan Macfarlane at Home and Stag Studios

- **Production Credits:** Produced by Ewan Macfarlane : Mixed by Ashley Krajewski : Mastered by Chris Pavey

- **Released by:** Royale Stag Records

- **Release Date:** 21 August 2026

- **Genre:** Synth Rock / Indie Rock

what ellijai says

pull quote:

"Skinny Boyfriend is about being completely obsessed with someone who is all bones, attitude and effortless rock-star energy."

full statement:

"Skinny Boyfriend is about that irresistible person who barely has to do anything to completely take over your head. He's messy, laid-back, always with his guitar and somehow makes everything look cool without even trying. It's flirtatious, lustful and full of attitude, I wanted the song to feel as exciting, addictive and chaotic as the attraction itself."

lyrics

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Ahhhhhh ahahahahhhh x2

My skinny boyfriends always fussing bout his hair

He leaves his dirty little messes everywhere

He acts so innocent but lord is he clever

Oh oh oh I think he knows

Oh oh oh how far it goes

Oh oh oh I know he knows

One look from him and I'd be tearing off his clothes

My skinny boyfriend has all bones and attitude

My skinny boyfriend loves the fact that I'm no good

My skinny boyfriend goes to bed with his guitar

And he may look half dead, but he's a rock and roll superstar

My skinny my skinny my skinny boyoyoyfriend

My skinny my skinny my skinny boyyyyy

My skinny boyfriends always taken it too far

He winks at me and says that I'm his lucky star

He's got a sonic situation in his head

And I'm getting off on something he just said

Oh oh oh he's just so cool

Oh oh oh you know he's old school

vocal that can turn from vulnerable to fearless in a heartbeat.

Now 18, she has already earned BBC Introducing Scotland Track of the Week support for Stupid Sometimes, followed by further BBC airplay for Outta Nowhere. Her growing live reputation has taken her to King Tut's, The Garage, Heartland Festival, Endless Summer at The Hug and Pint and festivals across Scotland, while a place in the final of the Scottish Live Music Awards' Young Live Act of the Year category marked another step forward.

Her new single, Skinny Boyfriend, is her fourth release of 2026 and the clearest statement yet of an artist moving confidently into her own lane. Flirtatious, explosive and charged with guitars and synths, it continues a run of new music released every six weeks as Ellijai builds towards her debut album, planned for summer 2027.

For Ellijai's full biography, latest music, live dates, press photos and media assets, visit www.ellijai.com.

full bio

Ellijai is an 18-year-old Scottish singer-songwriter making guitar-led indie-pop/rock anthems with sharp instincts, emotional clarity and a live presence well beyond her years.

Her new single, Skinny Boyfriend, released on 21 August 2026, is flirtatious, explosive and charged with sharp guitars, driving synths and punchy drums. Playful and full of attitude, the track captures the attraction of someone messy, unpredictable and effortlessly cool – all bones, chaos and rock-and-roll confidence. It is Ellijai's fourth release of 2026 and the clearest statement yet of an artist moving confidently into her own lane.

Rooted in indie-pop/rock and confessional songwriting, Ellijai's music moves between frustration, self-awareness, hope and defiance, always grounded in real moments rather than over-polished ideas. Drawing influence from Olivia Rodrigo, Wolf Alice, Paramore, The Last Dinner Party and Florence Road, she is quickly

shaping a sound that feels direct, melodic and distinctly her own. Raised in a musical household, Ellijai began writing and recording songs at home by the age of seven. Classically trained in voice and piano, and later developing as a guitarist, she built a strong musical foundation before stepping onto stages across Scotland as a young teenager. By thirteen, she was already performing live at festivals and venues including ButeFest and Òran Mór, both as part of a band and as a solo artist.

Since releasing her debut single, *Floating in the Flood*, in June 2024, aged just fifteen, Ellijai has continued to develop at pace across a run of releases including *Judged*, *Zombie*, *Bad Timing*, *Stupid Sometimes*, *Smoke Away* and *Outta Nowhere*. With *Skinny Boyfriend*, her latest release, she shows another side of that growth – bolder, louder and more playful, while still carrying the honesty and guitar-led identity that runs through her work.

Ellijai has already been championed by BBC *Introducing Scotland*, with *Stupid Sometimes* named *Track of the Week*, followed by further BBC airplay for *Outta Nowhere*. She also reached the final of the *Scottish Live Music Awards' Young Live Act of the Year* category. Her live profile continues to grow, with performances at ButeFest, Òran Mór, The Voodoo Rooms, SWG3, King Tut's Wah Wah Hut and The Garage, alongside 2026 festival appearances including Heartland Festival, Cloverhill Festival, Hangerfest and Endless Summer at The Hug and Pint.

Now eighteen, *Skinny Boyfriend* marks the next step in a string of new music being released approximately every six weeks as Ellijai builds towards her debut album, planned for summer 2027. She is building the foundations of a serious long-term artist career: strong songs, a clear identity, growing radio support and a live show that continues to sharpen with every performance. Whether on guitar, piano or centre stage, she doesn't overplay the moment – she lets the songs speak.

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press quotes

**BBC Introducing in Scotland: PITCH and Fourth Daughter at Latitude
(Phoebe & Steph)**

"The incredible voice of Ellijai... sheer raw talent. We'll be playing way more of her songs."

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"Amazing to see such a young artist just grabbing the bull by the horns."

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"I have a funny feeling that we will be playing way more of Ellijai's songs here on Introducing."

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