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How to Upload Your Own Song to Spotify

Introduction:

Everyone has their own specific songs that they enjoy listening to. Sometimes, these artists are not always available on streaming platforms but someone might still have their songs downloaded. For Spotify premium users who have the desktop app and mobile app, there is a way to actually import your own songs into the desktop app and then have them also play from your phone. This is a very useful feature Spotify provides that allows users to be able to play any song they have downloaded. This means that if you have old songs that aren't available on the platform to stream, you could upload them yourself and have them on your account.

In these instructions, I will show you how you can add your own downloaded song to Spotify. My audience are Spotify premium users who use the Spotify desktop and mobile app and would like to add their own songs to their account. My purpose is to give those who would want music that would normally be unavailable on Spotify to be able to add it themselves. Follow along and learn - there won't be any complicated steps or unknown terms in these instructions.

Prerequisites:

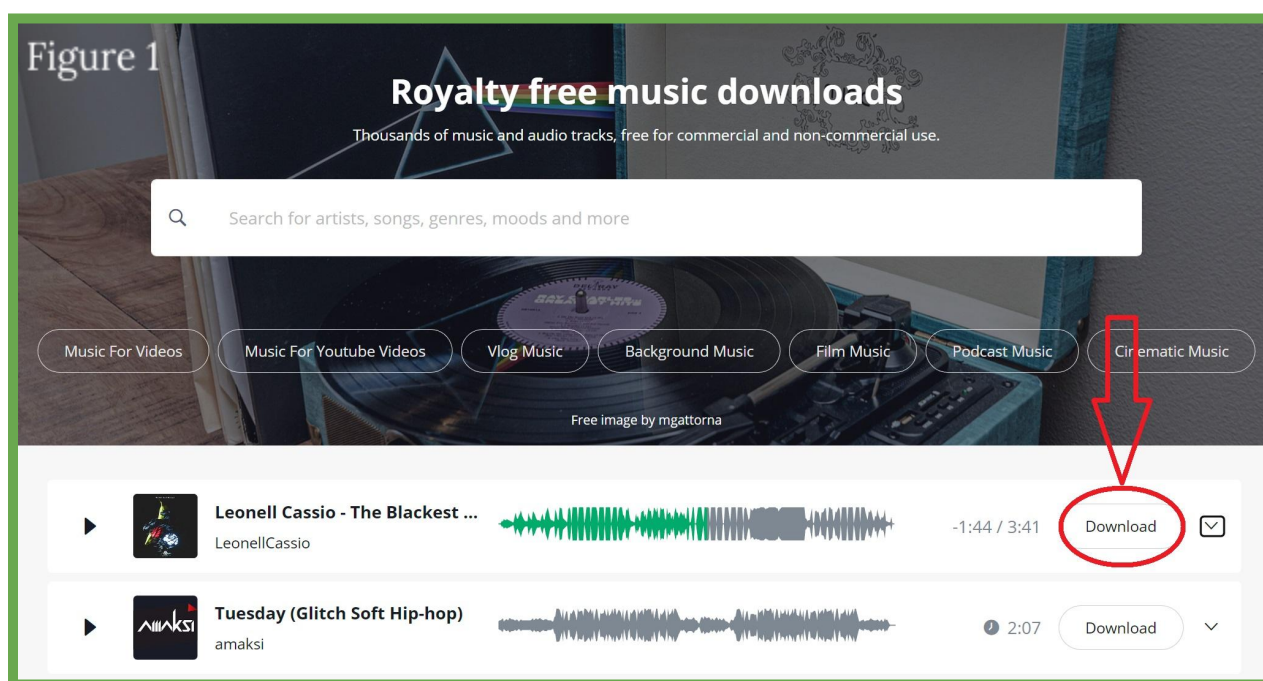
- You must have Spotify premium.
- You need to have the Spotify desktop and mobile apps and are signed in to both.
- You need to be able to download your own song or have it downloaded already.
- Your desktop/laptop and mobile device need to be connected to the same WiFi network for this process to work.

WARNINGS:

- **Do not download music illegally to be uploaded to Spotify.**
- **Do not use songs downloaded without licensing rights, unreleased songs, and leaked music - this is illegal as well.**
- **You can not use a hacked Spotify premium account to upload your own songs. The option will not be available to such users.**

Step 1: Downloading your song **(must be of .mp3 format):**

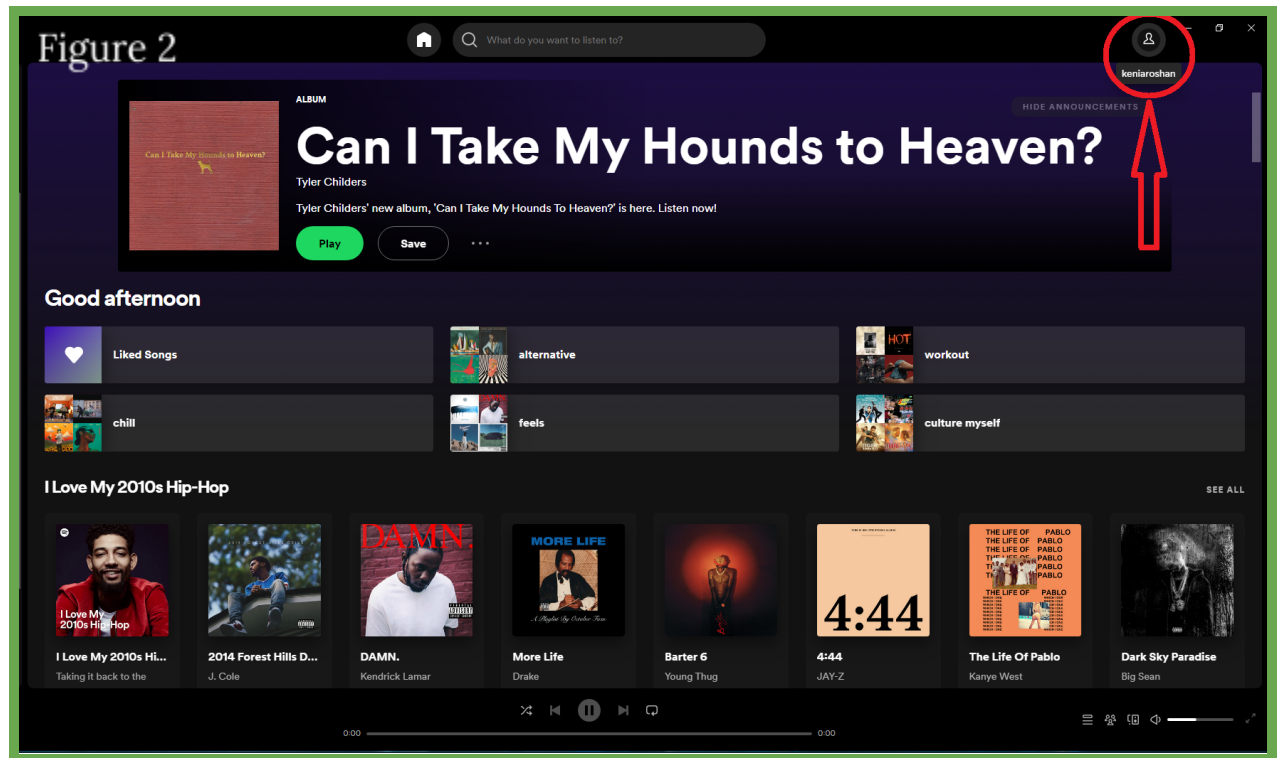
- I. If your song is not downloaded already you will need to download it. Select your service and download the song from there.
- II. If you are looking for a place to legally download music, look for a royalty free music website. Royalty free means the songs can be downloaded and used for anything as they do not have licensing rights. One website I can recommend is [Pixabay](https://pixabay.com) which has a variety of royalty free music:
 - A. If you are using Pixabay, simply search for a song you would like to add to your Spotify and click **Download**:



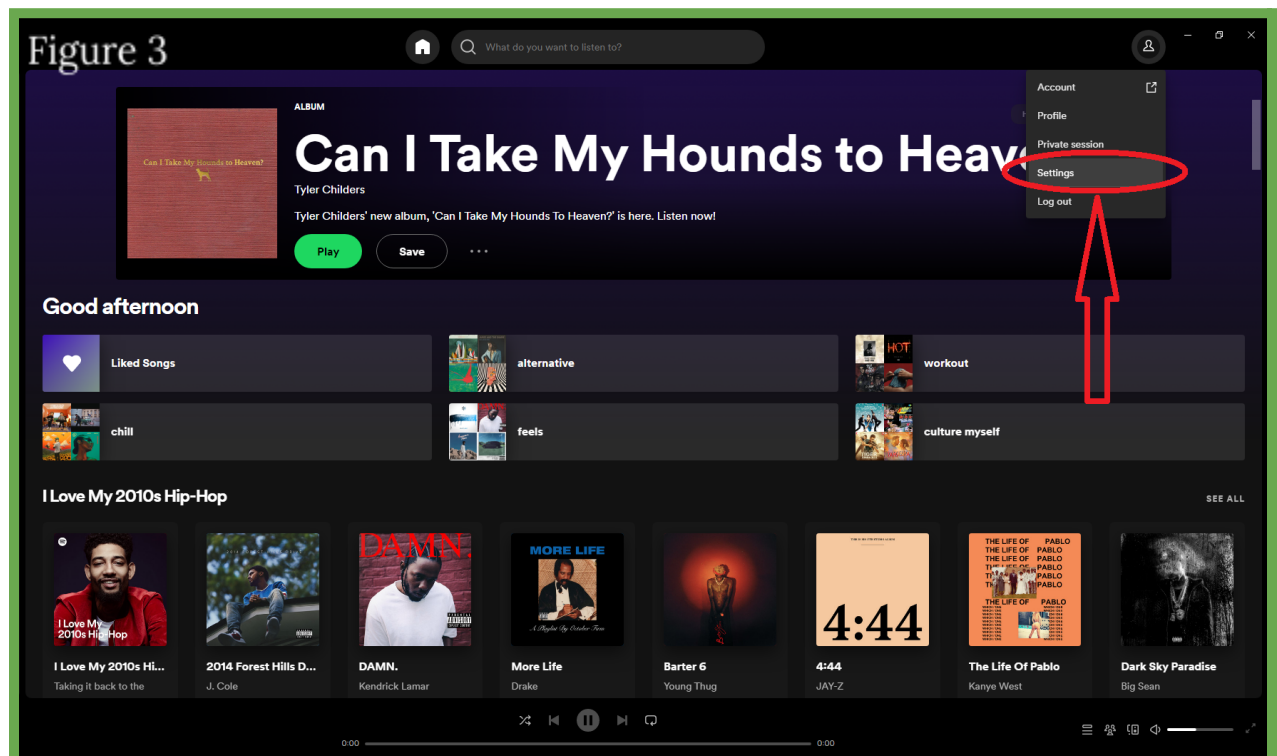
- III. Keep track of where this song is downloaded and what folder it is in as you will need to locate it later on.

Step 2: Opening your Spotify settings:

- I. We can now start the process of uploading your newly downloaded song to Spotify. The first step is to **open** your Spotify app on your desktop.
- II. Next, click on the **profile button** located on the top right of the app. It should cause a drop down menu to appear:



III. Now click on the option that says **Settings**. Spotify settings will then open:



Step 3: Uploading your downloaded song:

- I. Scroll down in the settings menu until you see the setting titled **Local Files**. Turn on the option switch so that it becomes **green**:

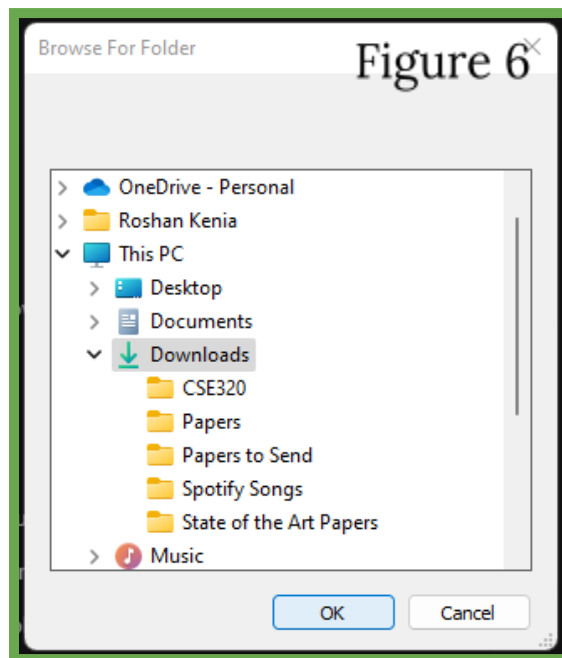


- II. A new section under **Local Files** will appear called **Show Songs from**. This is where we can add our music. Click on the button that says **Add a source**:

Figure 5



- III. From here, you will need to locate the folder the song you downloaded previously is located in. For most users, this will be in your **Downloads** folder. So simply locate your downloads folder, select it, and click **OK**:



- IV. Your folder will now be added to your **Show songs from** list. If for some reason the option switch is not toggled on and green for that folder, turn it on. Your downloaded song from that folder will now be automatically added to your local files in Spotify:

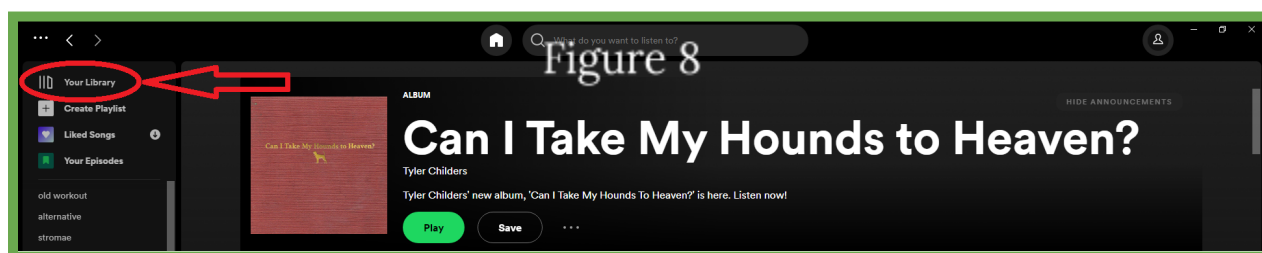


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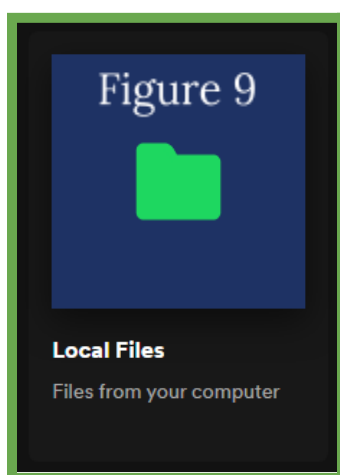


Step 4: Adding your downloaded song to your offline songs from the desktop app:

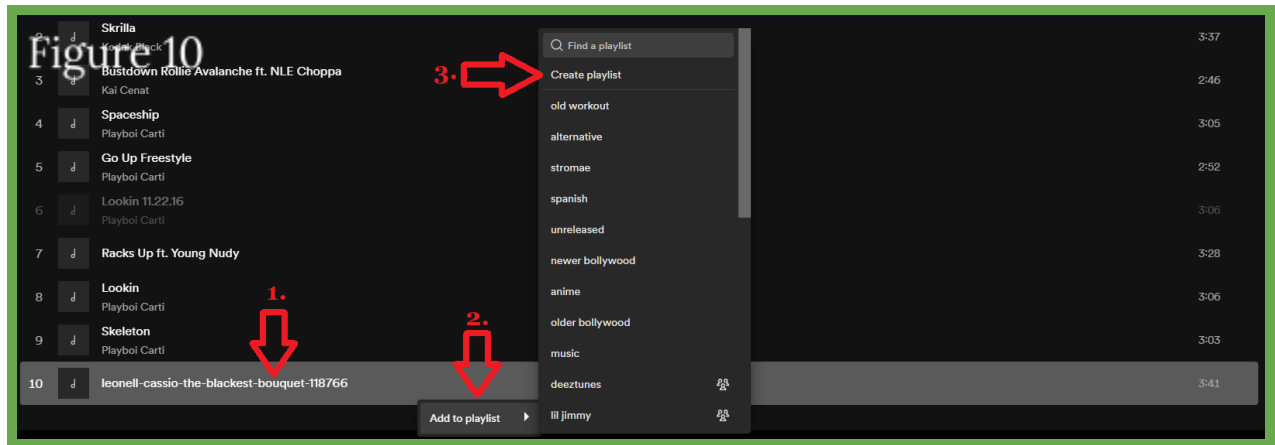
- I. Now that we have the song in our Spotify desktop library, we must locate it so that we can add it to our offline songs. Start by clicking on **Your Library** in the desktop app located in the top left corner:



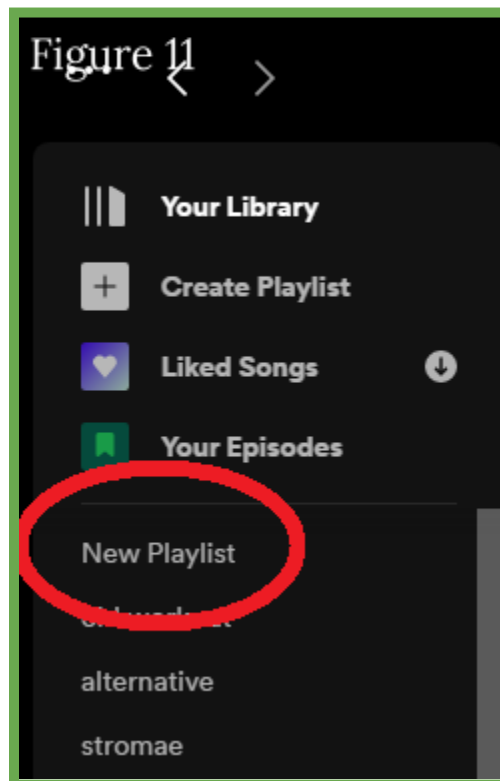
- II. Next, click on the folder that says **Local Files**. You should be able to locate your downloaded song in this folder. If not, you might need to restart your Spotify desktop app so that it refreshes the list.



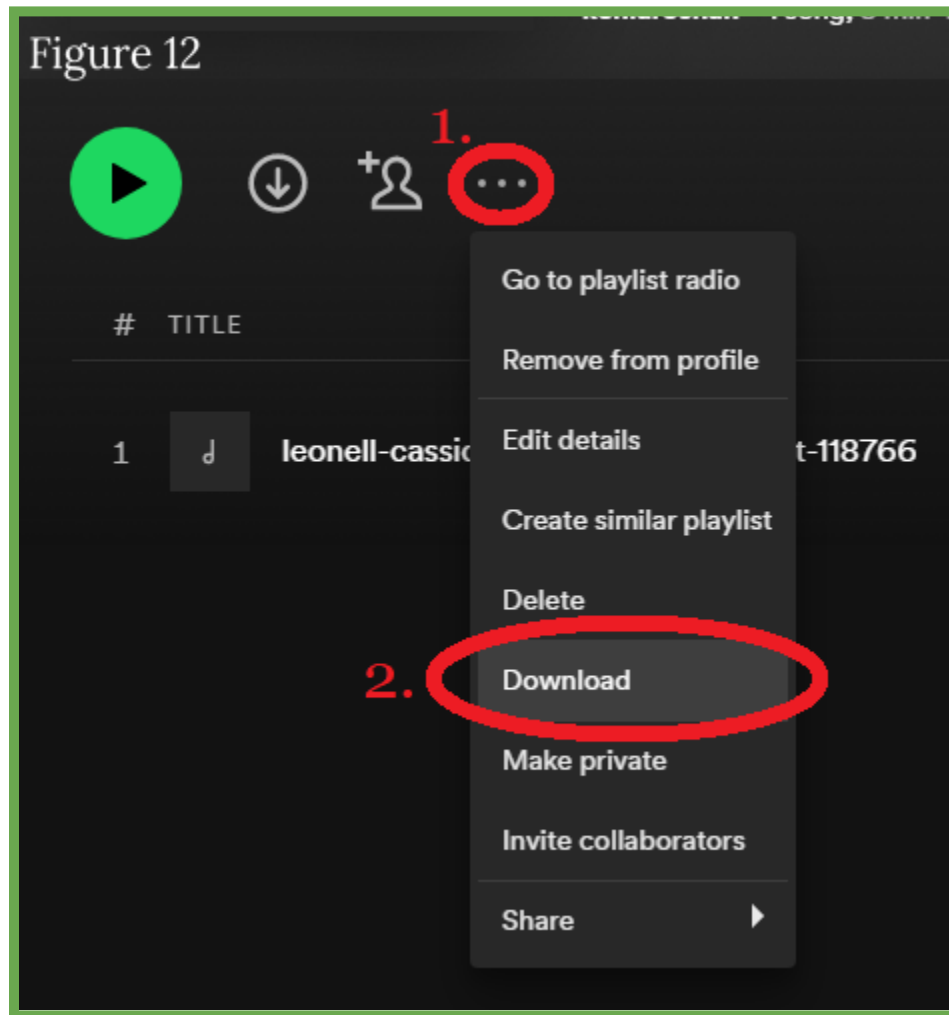
- III. Locate your song in the **Local Files** folder and then right click it. An option called **Add to playlist** should appear and click on it. Now, either add the song to one of your playlists or simply click **Create playlist** and Spotify will automatically create a playlist called **New Playlist** in which the song will be placed in:



- IV. Click on the playlist you added your song to or **New Playlist** located on the left hand side panel of the desktop app:

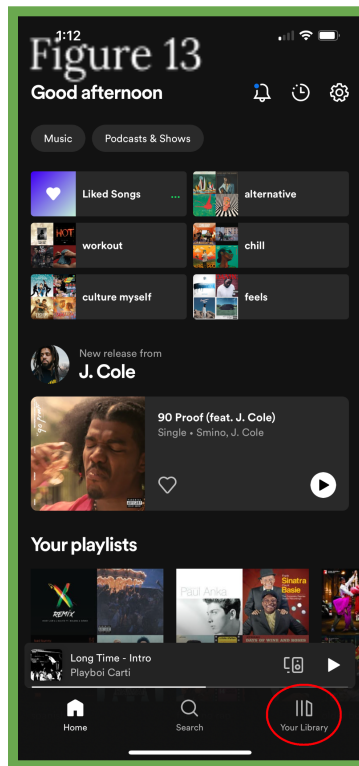


- V. Now click on the **three dots** located under the title of the playlist. A drop down will appear and click on **Download**. The playlist will now be downloaded to be available offline. This step is needed so that your Spotify account recognizes the playlist as an offline list:

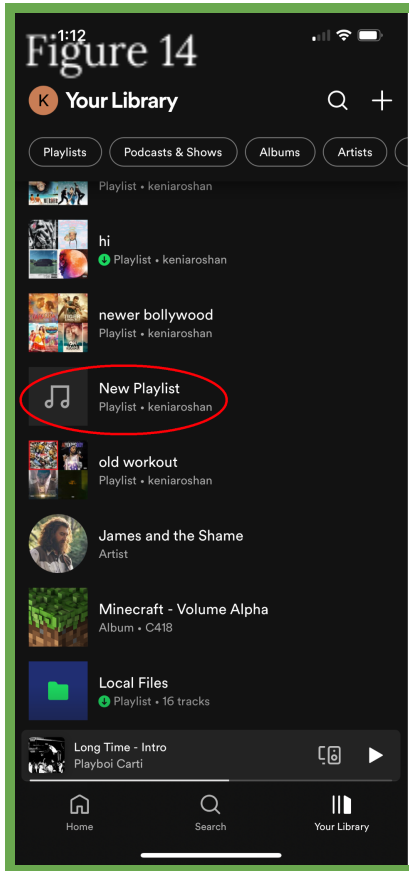


Step 5: Adding your downloaded song on your Spotify mobile app:

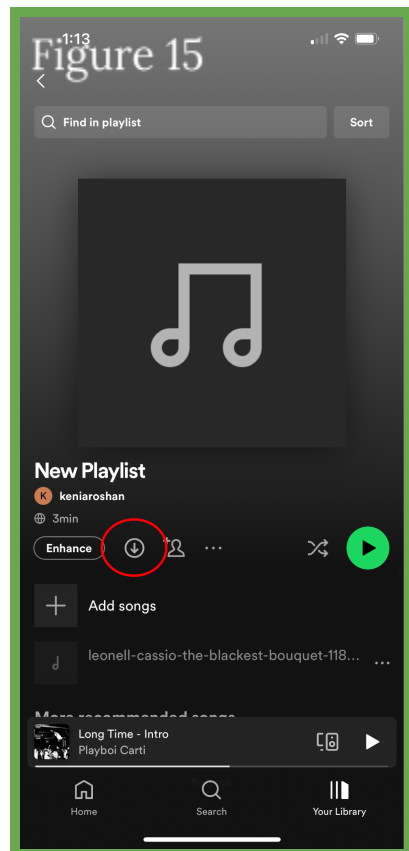
- I. Now that your song is available offline, we can now add it to your mobile Spotify app. Open the Spotify app on your **mobile device** and select **Your Library** on the bottom right corner:



- II. Scroll until you see your playlist (**New Playlist**) containing your song and click on it:



III. Next, hit the **Download** button similarly to how we did with the desktop app:



- IV. Congratulations! Your song is now on your desktop and mobile Spotify apps and can be listened to from anywhere. You can add this song to your likes, any other playlists, and to your music queues. Enjoy!

Conclusion:

By following these instructions, you should now have your own downloaded song available on your Spotify account. This comes in handy when you have that one specific song you want to listen to and it is not available to stream on Spotify but you do have it downloaded. This way, the song will be in your Spotify playlists and you won't have to use any other apps or mechanisms to play it. Enjoy adding many other songs and have fun listening to your favorites!