

MERGE

Don't just listen to music; listen to people



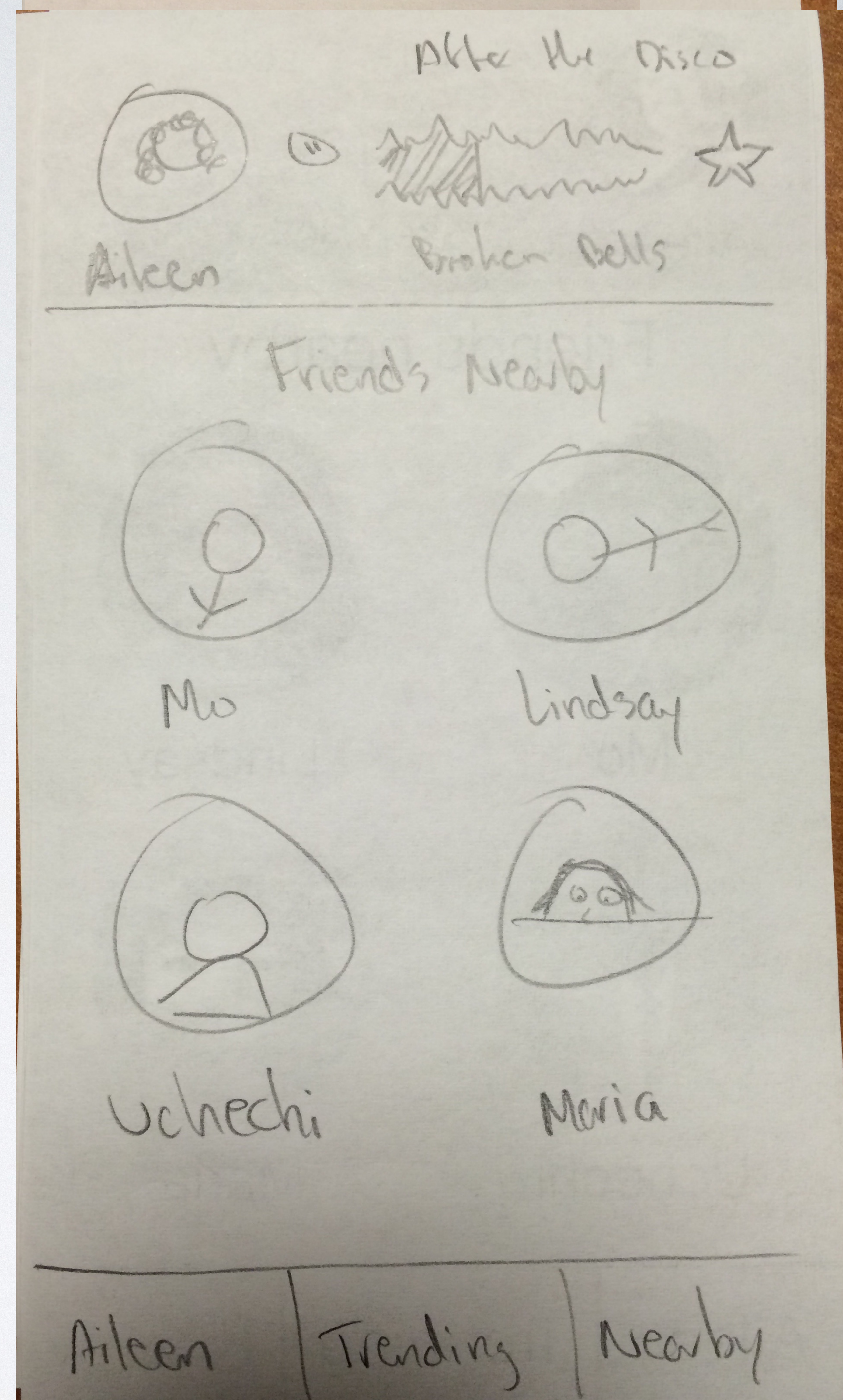
OVERVIEW

- UI walkthrough
- User tests
- Interface improvements

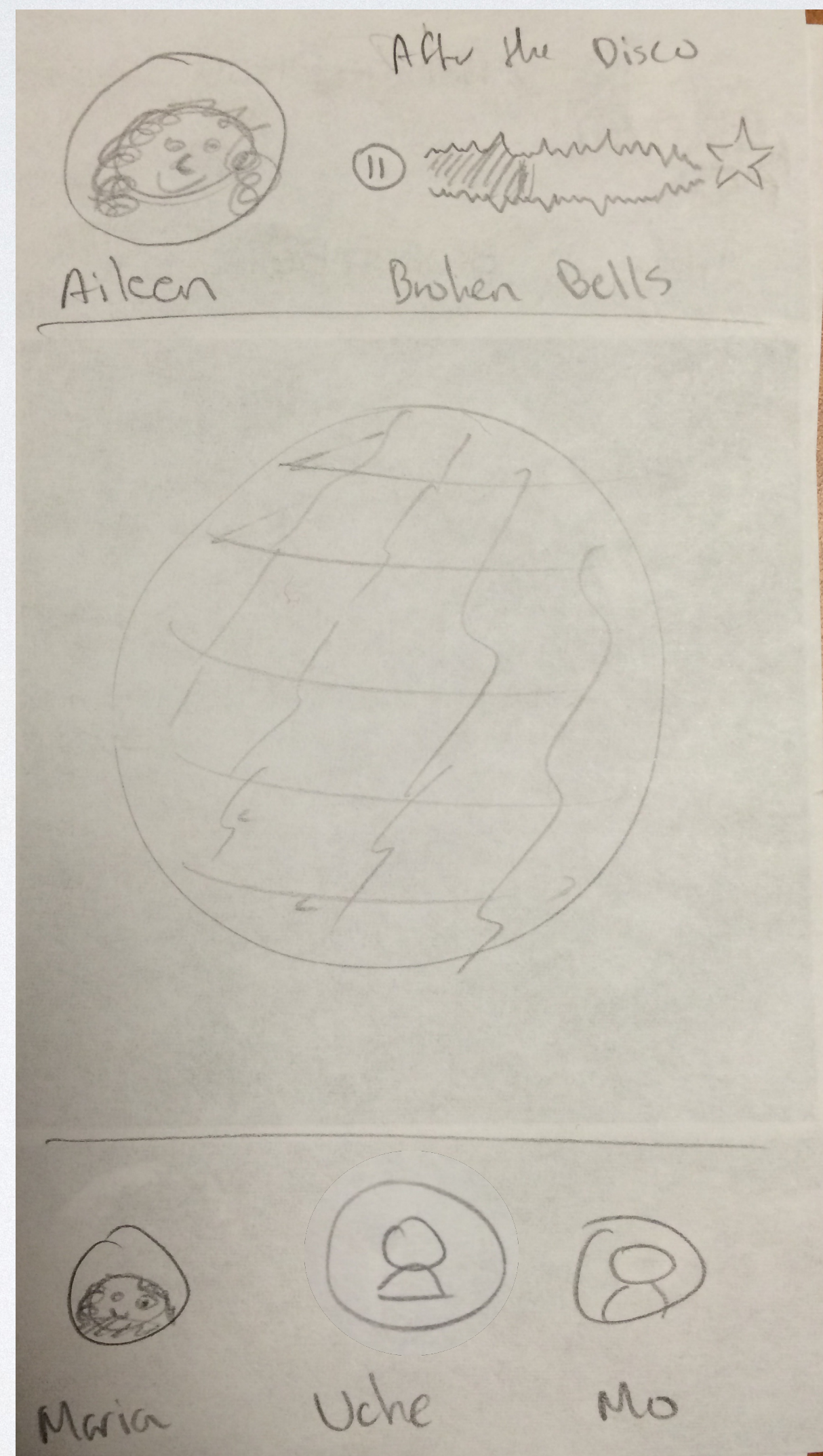
MISSION

- Aid users in music discovery
- Ease the process of music sharing
- Connect users to friends and acquaintances through music

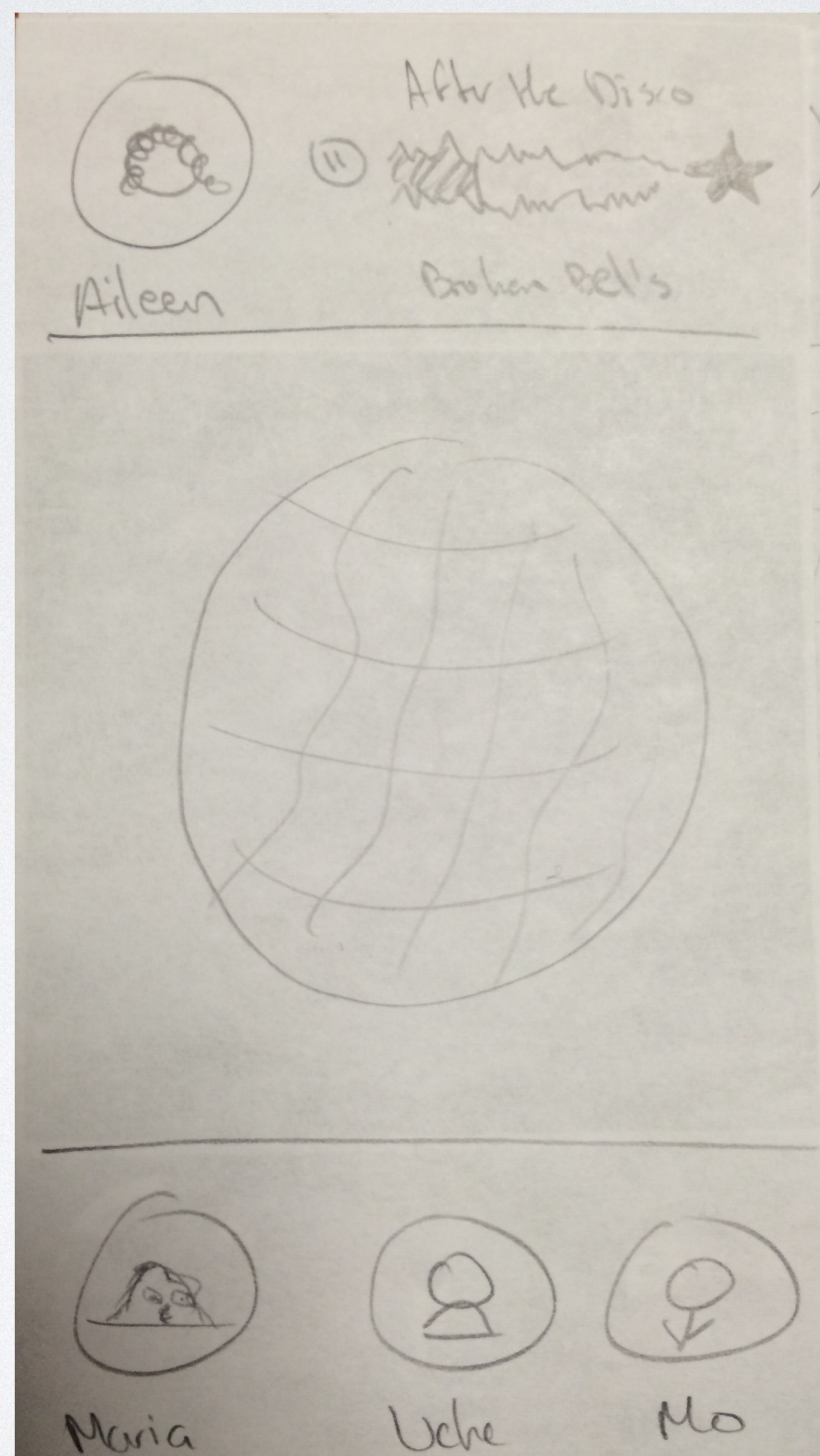
UI SKETCH



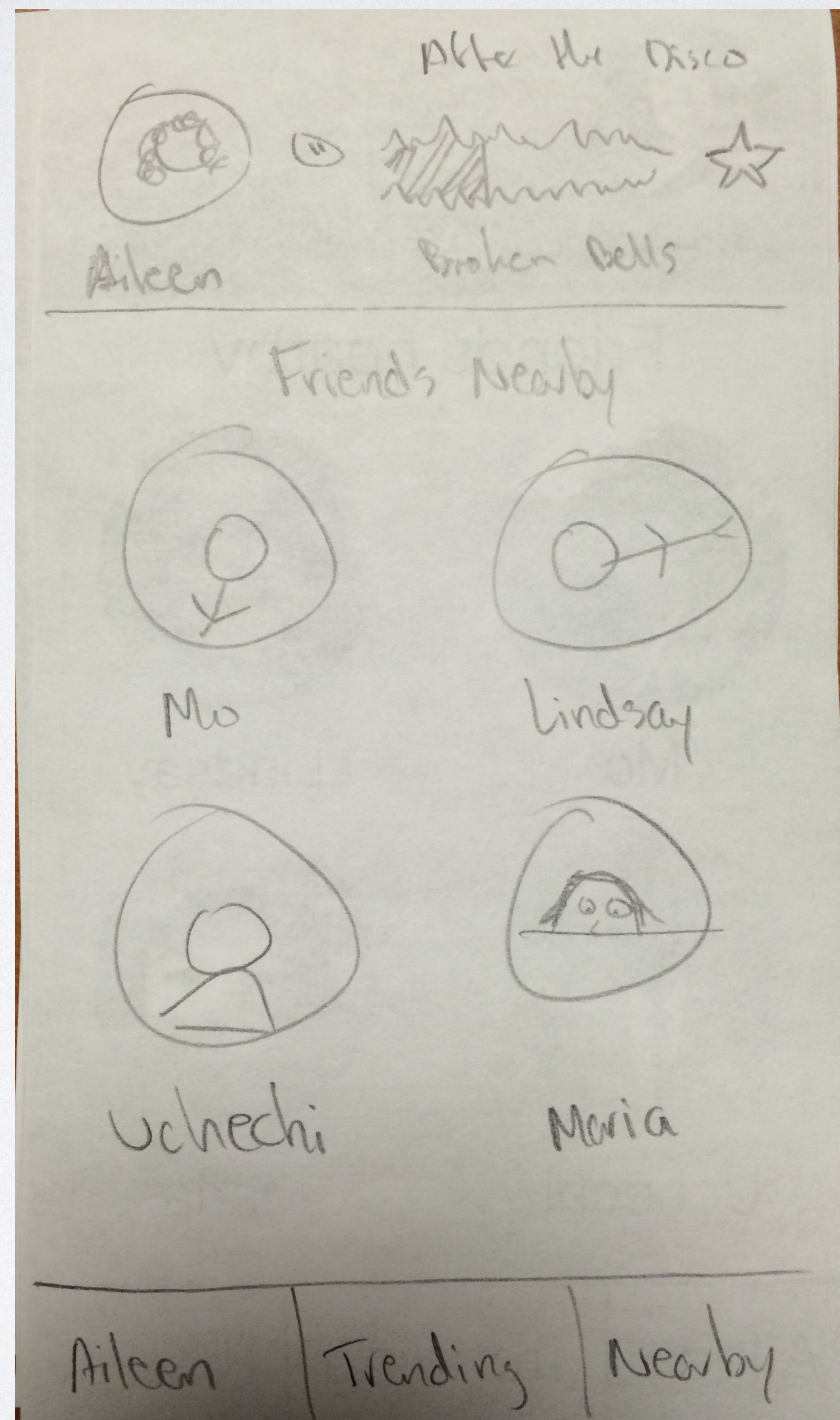
SHARE MUSIC



DISCOVER NEW MUSIC



FORM NEW RELATIONSHIPS



EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

- Users were picked based on interest in music and tech expertise
- Overview of app's uses and goals
- Given a sketch of the UI
- Asked to perform certain tasks

TASKS

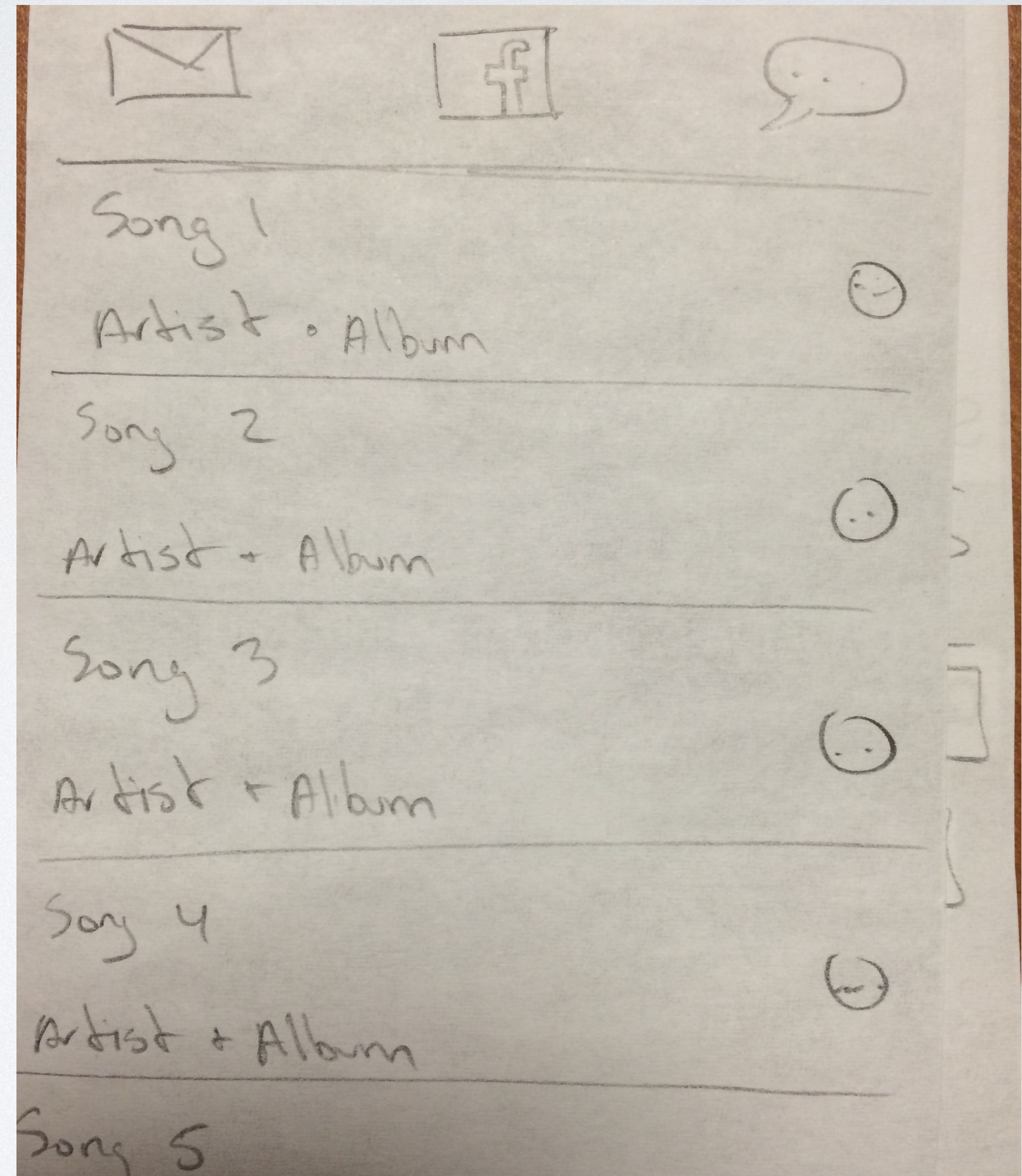
- Try and discover new music
- Change playlists
- Change song from playlist
- Save song to playlist
- Share song
- Discover new users

RESULTS

- Users loved the idea
- “I only find new music through friends.”
- Many tasks were performed with ease

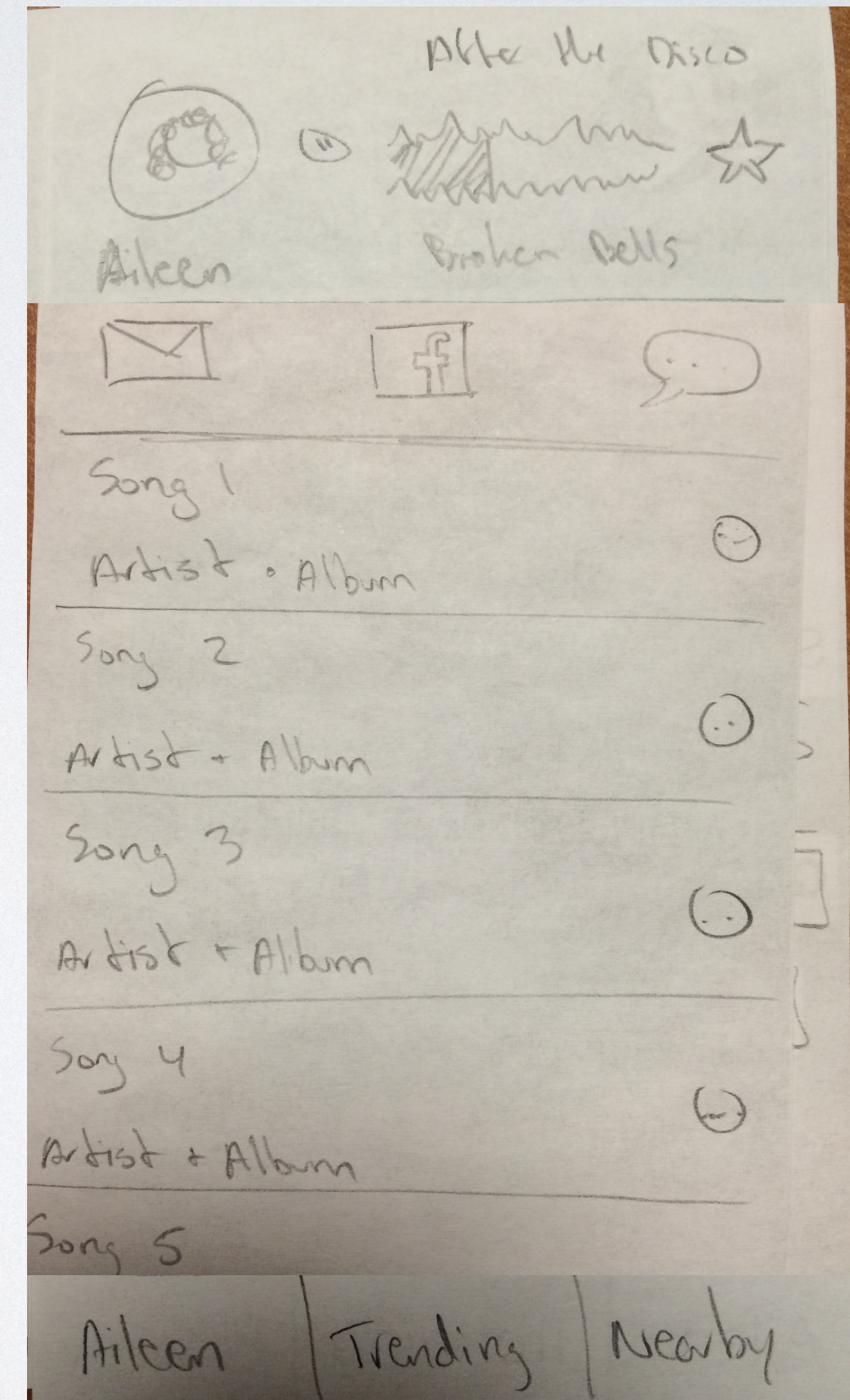
USER CONTROL

- Users want to control their experience
- Edit their playlist
- Control what's playing



COMPLEX UI

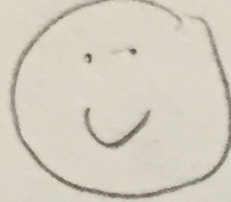

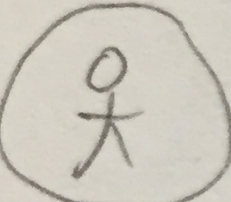

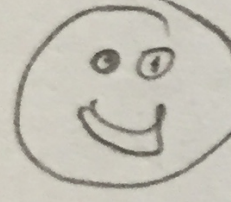

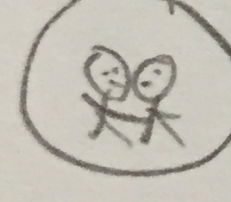

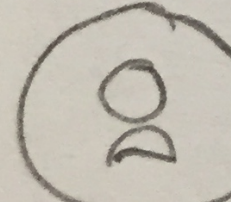
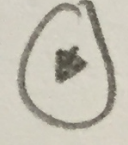
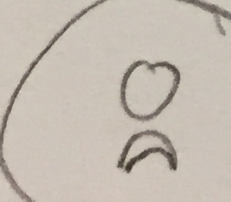
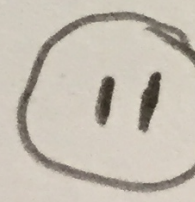
- What does favoriting do?
- Receiving recommendations
- User's personal info unclear



IMPROVEMENTS

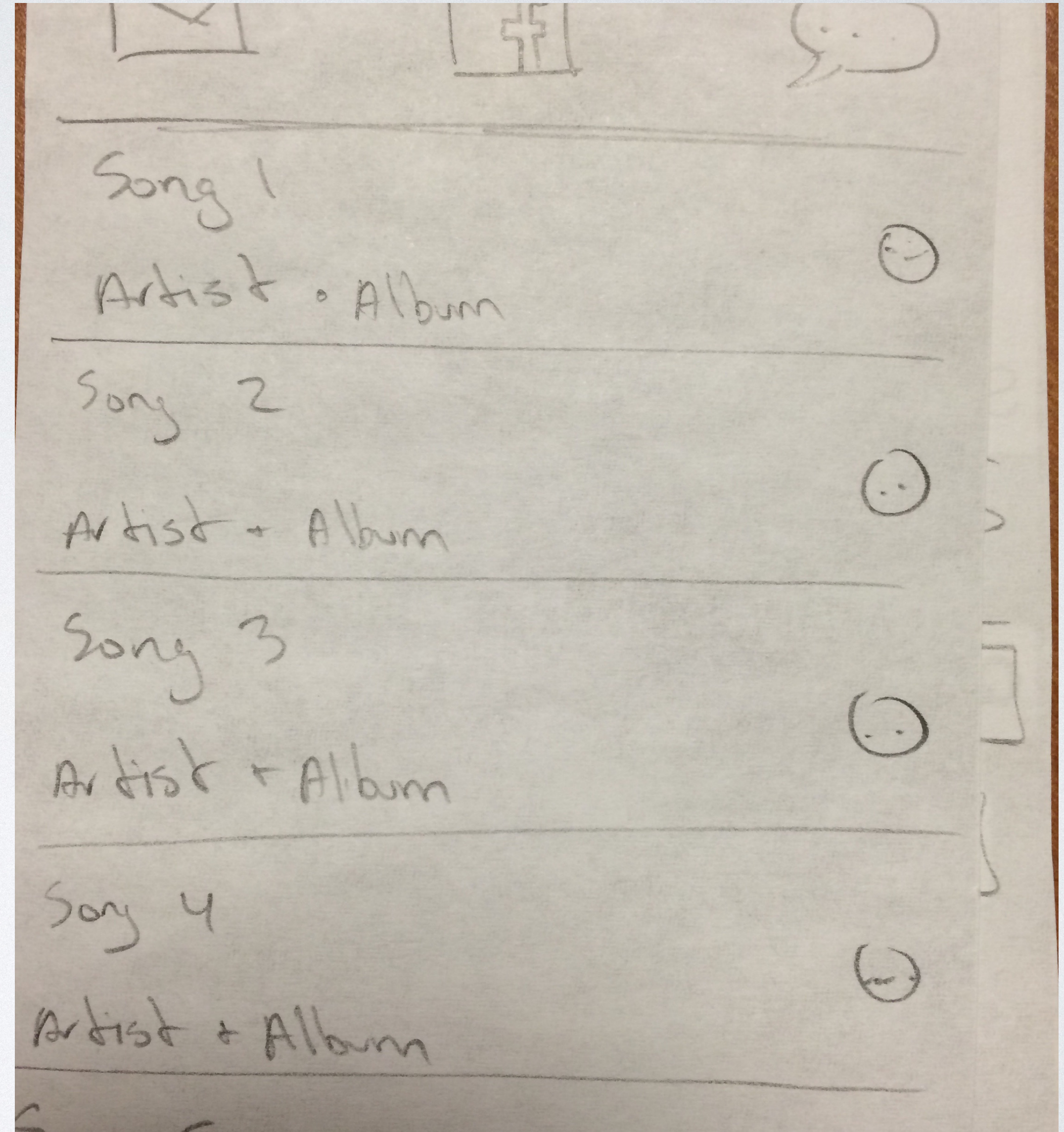
INBOX

Provides a dedicated space for song recommendations

Intox		
	Jack	"Harvest Moon" Poolside 
	Sarah	"Suburban War" Arcade Fire 
	Patrick	"The Light" The Album Leaf 
	Samm	"Younger Us" Japandroids 
	Emily	"Call Me Maybe" Carly Rae Jepsen 
	Max	"You and I" Jessie Ware 

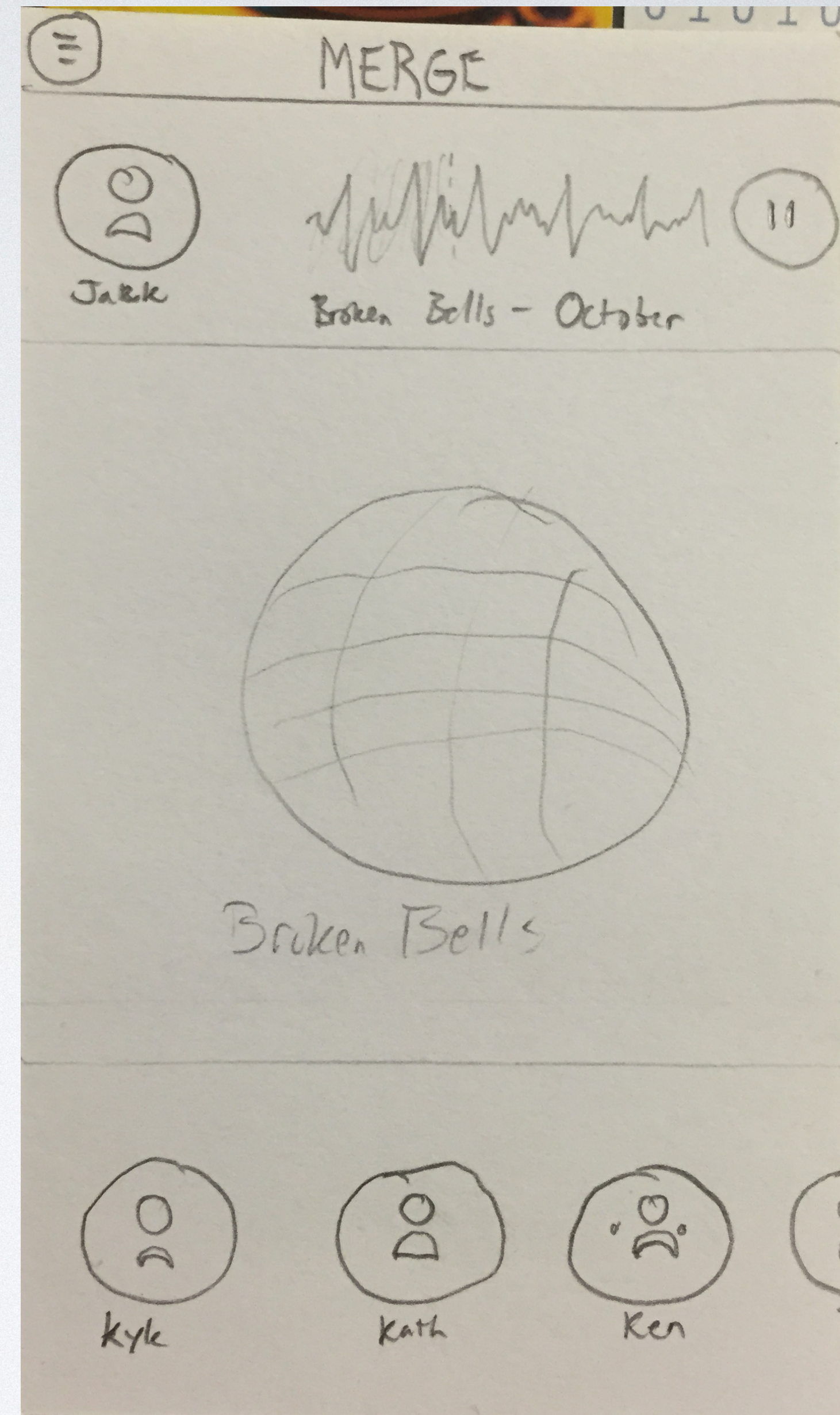
USER CONTROL

- Allow users to view and edit their playlist
- Allow users to switch playlists



UI CLARITY

- Hamburger menu
- Personal details



CONCLUSION

- Merge is a social music discovery app
- Our idea and interface was well received by users
- Improvements can be made to improve the interface