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Can you use these words to add an adverbial to each of these sentences?

1. _____, when I can't sleep, listening to their songs magically helps.
2. _____, my brain felt full of fog and nightmarish Glitter Riot lyrics.
3. _____, I grabbed my phone, shoved my earphones into my ears, and played the latest Glitter Riot album on repeat.
4. _____ I'd finished my hot chocolate, I put on my favourite pyjamas and tried to get to sleep.
5. _____, I fished my phone out from where it had fallen between the mattress and the wall.

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1. _____, I couldn't speak.
2. _____, when we're anxious about things, it can affect how we behave.
3. My insides felt like jelly _____, but I tried to ignore it.
4. _____, I forgot about singing completely.

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