

= Our Song ( Taylor Swift song ) =

" Our Song " is a country song performed by American singer @-@ songwriter Taylor Swift . The song was written by Swift and produced by Nathan Chapman . It was released on September 9 , 2007 by Big Machine Records as the third single from Swift 's eponymous debut album , Taylor Swift ( 2006 ) . Swift solely composed " Our Song " for the talent show of her freshman year in high school , about a boyfriend who she did not have a song with . It was included on Taylor Swift as she recalled its popularity with her classmates . The uptempo track is musically driven mainly by banjo and lyrically describes a young couple who use the events in their lives in place of a regular song .

" Our Song " was met with acclaim from contemporary critics , some who deemed it one of Swift 's best singles , and commercial success . The song charted within the top 30 and top 20 on the Canadian Hot 100 and Billboard Hot 100 , respectively . In the United States , it became Swift 's first number one single on the Hot Country Songs Chart , maintaining the position for six consecutive weeks , and was certified triple platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) . A music video accompanying " Our Song " was directed by Trey Fanjoy and features Swift performing in various settings , including a front porch . The video won both nominations for " Video of the Year " and " Female Video of the Year " at the 2008 CMT Music Awards . Swift has performed the song at an abundance of venues , some while supporting as opening act for various country artists ' concert tours . She also performed it as part of the Fearless Tour ( 2009 ? 10 ) , her first headlining tour .

= = Background = =

Swift self @-@ penned " Our Song " for the talent show of her freshman year in high school with no intentions of including it on her debut album . She thought to herself that to be appropriate for the talent show , the song she would write needed to be upbeat and relatable to her classmates . " I wrote it about this guy I was dating , and how we didn 't have a song . So I went ahead and wrote us one " , she said . The writing process , as with her lead single " Tim McGraw " , took place in approximately 20 minutes . Several months after performing it at the talent show , some of her peers approached her to inform her that they enjoyed the song she played at the talent show , singing a few lines . " They 'd only heard it once , so I thought , ' There must be something here ! ' " , Swift recalled . When choosing tracks to record for Taylor Swift , Swift " stood by " " Our Song " , repeatedly insisting album producers to record it with her . She claimed she " knew there was something about it . " She concluded , " I think there 's just some sort of magic in the way the track sounds like it 's bouncing . " Swift said she desired for the song to be placed as the closing track on Taylor Swift due to its last lyrics repeating the phrase " Play it again " , which she thought would subliminally request audiences to replay the album . Big Machine Records executives chose " Our Song " to be the third single from Taylor Swift , which Swift was surprised yet glad about .

= = Composition = =

" Our Song " is a country song with a length of three minutes and 24 seconds . It is set in half time and has a tempo of 89 beats per minute . However , Sean Dooley of About.com described " Our Song " as a snappy midtempo number . The song is written in the key of D major and Swift 's vocals span one octave , from G3 to B4 . Jody Rosen of Slant Magazine considers Swift 's vocal performance to be twangful . It follows the chord progression D ? Em7 ? G ? A. The song 's instrumentation relies mainly on banjo and , after the completion of the break , a fiddle solo arrives .

The lyrics are in first person . In the first verse , the protagonist realizes she and her boyfriend do not have a song of their own as he drives his car . The young couple come to using the events in their lives in place of a regular song in the song 's refrains . Those events are described in sharp detail and include slamming screen doors to sneak out late . Dooley identified Swift 's role in " Our Song " to be a narrator .

= = Critical reception = =

" Our Song " received hugely positive reviews from contemporary critics . Sean Dooley of About.com listed " Our Song " as Swift 's fifth best song to date . He identified Swift 's " uncanny ability , especially at such a young age , to write a compelling narrative " as the song 's highlight , referencing the opening lines " I was riding shotgun with my hair undone in the front seat of his car / He 's got a one @-@ hand feel on the steering wheel / The other on my heart . " Rob Sheffield of Blender magazine described the track as gem that hit hard . Rick Bell of Country Standard Time said Taylor Swift 's best efforts were Swift self @-@ penned song , including " Our Song " , which " she sings with stirring conviction . " Jonathan Keefe of Slant Magazine said the song " follow [ s ] time @-@ tested narrative conventions and , more often than not , build to massive pop hooks . " Fiona Chua of MTV Asia selected the track as a choice cut from Swift 's second studio album , Fearless . Kate Kiefer of Paste magazine recognized the song to be Swift 's " first great hit " and believed it became many couples ' song . In 2008 , " Our Song " was listed as a " Winning Song " by Broadcast Music Incorporated ( BMI ) .

= = Chart performance = =

On the week ending October 13 , 2007 , " Our Song " debuted at number eighty @-@ six on the Billboard Hot 100 . In the following week , the song ascended to number sixty @-@ seven on the chart and , on the week ending January 19 , 2008 , reached its peak at number sixteen , became her second top twenty hit . " Our Song " spent a total of thirty @-@ six weeks upon the Billboard Hot 100 . The single was certified quadruple platinum in August 2014 by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) . As of November 2014 , " Our Song " has sold 3 @. @ 2 million copies in the United States .

On Billboard Hot Country Songs , it debuted at number fifty @-@ five and charted at number six on the week ending December 15 , 2007 . In the succeeding week , the song jumped to number one on Billboard Hot Country Songs , becoming the largest leap the top position since Tim McGraw 's " Just to See You Smile " in January 1998 , which also ascended from number six to number one . The song 's appearance at number one on Billboard Hot Country Songs also became Swift 's first and made Swift , then 18 , the youngest sole writer and singer of a number one country song . " Our Song " remained in the top position on Billboard Hot Country Songs for six consecutive weeks , the longest @-@ running chart @-@ topper there since Carrie Underwood 's " Jesus , Take the Wheel " reigned for the same period in January 2006 . " Our Song " charted on Hot Country Songs for a total of 24 weeks . It also peaked at number eighteen in Billboard Pop Songs and charted for fifteen weeks .

" Our Song " also appeared in Canada . It debuted at number ninety @-@ one and reached its peak at number thirty on its fifteenth week , becoming Swift 's best @-@ charting single from Taylor Swift in Canada . It was certified platinum by Music Canada for sales of 80 @, @ 000 digital downloads .

= = Music video = =

The accompanying music video for " Our Song " was directed by Trey Fanjoy . While listening to " Our Song " , Fanjoy shared her ideals for a music video with Swift . " She had this idea for a front porch performance and then a field of flowers for another performance , then a black @-@ and @-@ white performance shot . It all came together in her head . She was able to translate that so well onto film . It just shows what a truly great director she is " , Swift informed CMT News . The video was conceptualized to be very fantasy @-@ like and surreal . The video begins with a shot of Swift 's toenails as she paints them . Swift , casually wearing a blue tank top , white hot pants , and straightened hair , is revealed to be engaging in a phone conversation in a bedroom . A cut @-@ scene shows Swift affront her bedroom mirror , which she writes the word " Love " , before furtively approaching a front porch , seen in a blue dress and curly hair . Swift then sits near the edge and

performs " Our Song " . The scene transitions to Swift lying on a bed of flowers and wearing an orange evening gown . She holds a card that spells her first name . Then , clothed by a long , black dress , black cowboy boots , and black gloves , Swift sings with a microphone and a backup band behind her in front of a white backdrop . Throughout the remainder of the video , scenes alternate between previous settings and concludes with Swift giggling while sitting on the front porch .

The video premiered on September 14 , 2007 on CMT . The video received a nomination for " Number One Streamed Music Video " at the web @-@ hosted 2008 CMT Online Awards , but lost to Carrie Underwood 's video for " All @-@ American Girl " . At the 2008 CMT Music Awards , the video won the CMT Music Award for " Video of the Year " and " Female Video of the Year " . To date , the video has over 122 million views on YouTube .

= = Live performances = =

She performed " Our Song " as she opened for Rascal Flatts on several dates , from October 19 to November 3 , 2006 , included on the Me and My Gang Tour ( 2006 ? 07 ) . Swift opened the concert with the song and dressed in a black , knee @-@ length dress and red cowboy boots with a design of a skull and cross bones across it , playing an acoustic guitar . She also performed the song when she served as opening act on twenty dates for George Strait 's 2007 United States tour , and selected dates for Brad Paisley 's Bonfires & Amplifiers Tour in 2007 . During mid @-@ 2007 , Swift engaged as the opening act on several dates for Tim McGraw 's and Faith Hill 's joint tour , Soul2Soul II Tour ( 2006 ? 07 ) , where she again performed " Our Song " . Swift performed the song while she was again opening for Rascal Flatts for their Still Feels Good Tour in 2008 . Swift 's first televised performance of " Our Song " was on October 10 , 2007 on Regis & Kelly . She continued promotion for track at the 2007 Country Music Association Awards , The Engine Room , and a concert at the Apple Store in SoHo , New York , which was recorded and released as a live extended play ( EP ) , iTunes Live from SoHo , exclusively sold through the iTunes Store . Since completing promotion for Taylor Swift and its corresponding singles , Swift has performed " Our Song " on The Ellen DeGeneres Show , on Studio 330 Sessions , on The Today Show , at the 2009 CMA Music Festival , as a duet with English rock band Def Leppard on CMT Crossroads , the episode was released as a DVD exclusively through Wal @-@ Mart stores in the United States , at the 2009 V Festival , and at the Australian charity concert Sydney Sound Relief .

Swift performed the song on all venues of her first headlining concert tour , the Fearless Tour , which extended from April 2009 to June 2010 . During each performance , she donned a sparkly cocktail dress and black , leather boots . Swift skipped across the stage performing , playing a rhinestoned acoustic guitar . Jim Harrington of The San Jose Mercury News reported the song 's performance at the April 11 , 2010 at HP Pavilion at San Jose in San Jose , California received a large positive reaction from the audience : " Moms and daughters , as well as groups of teens and couples out for a date night , sang along with equal gusto as Swift detailed young romance in ' Our Song ' . " Molly Trust of Billboard attended the performance at the tour 's final concert on June 5 , 2010 at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough , Massachusetts and stated , " Swift contrasted her slower songs with intense performances of ' Forever & Always ' [ ... ] and ' Our Song ' " . " Our Song " was performed in the North American leg of the Speak Now World Tour , the only song from Swift 's debut album .

= = Track listings = =

U.S. Maxi @-@ CD Single

" Our Song " - 3 : 22

" Our Song " ( CD @-@ ROM video ) - 3 : 33

= = Official Versions = =

Album Version - 3 : 24

Radio Single Remix ( New Album Version ) - 3 : 24

Pop Mix - 3 : 24

International Version - 3 : 21

Karaoke Version - 3 : 24

= = Charts and certifications = =