

= Te Quiero ( Ricardo Arjona song ) =

" Te Quiero " is a latin pop song by Guatemalan recording artist Ricardo Arjona , released on 5 July 2012 as the third single from his thirteenth studio album , Independiente ( 2011 ) . The song was written by Arjona , who produced it with longtime collaborators Dan Warner and Lee Levin under their stage name Los Gringos . Additional recording work was handled by Peter Wallace , Matt Rollings , Carlos " Cabral " Junior and Isaías García .

The song became Arjona 's fifth single to reach number one on the US Billboard Top Latin Songs , his ninth to do so on the Latin Pop Songs chart and third on Latin Tropical Airplay . It also charted at No.10 on the Billboard Mexican Airplay chart . An accompanying music video for " Te Quiero " was released in June 2012 . It was directed by Gabriel Blanco and filmed during Arjona 's concert shows at the Vélez Sarsfield Stadium in Buenos Aires , Argentina , as part of his Metamorfosis World Tour , and marks the first time Arjona releases a music video recorded from his live performances while on tour .

= = Background = =

Independiente is the first album Arjona released as an independent artist , and through his own record label , Metamorfosis , a company he created to refocus his career . Presided by Arjona and some friends , Metamorfosis is based in Miami and Mexico City , and also includes the photographer and director Ricardo Calderón , Universal Music México 's executive Humberto Calderon and BMG 's Miriam Sommerz . Although the album is marketed with the new label , distribution was handled by Warner Music . Arjona commented many times , that he considered the way he decided to go independent raised more compromise than freedom , saying that " Inside the word ' Independent ' , even when it sounds like extreme freedom , there 's a big amount of compromise and the responsibility of being able to administrate , in the best way possible , such independence . "

Independiente was composed and written within one year , and marks the fourth time Arjona had collaborated with Tommy Torres , who had helped writing , composing , producing and providing backing vocals . The other three albums in which the two artists had worked together are Quién Dijo Ayer , in which Torres helped producing the singles " Quién " and " Quiero " , and offering additional work on the new versions of Arjona 's hits ; 5to Piso , and Adentro , respectively . Also , in the album , Arjona returned to his classic and trademark sound , which Torres has helped crafting it since six years now , after the drastic change he made in Poquita Ropa . On that album , the artist made use of the fewest instruments possible , simplifying his sound , and introducing what he called a " stripped @-@ down acoustic effort " of his music .

Weeks before the release of Independiente , Arjona issued a letter in which he talked about his past relations with recording companies . In the letter , he revealed that he entered in his first record label as an exchange , commenting that " a producer , friend of mine , told them [ the record label ] that if they don 't sign me they won 't sign two artists he had [ at that time ] " , and that he received the " minimum royalty percentage " out from his most successful albums . Billboard notes that although other groups have decided to launch independently their works after having a contract with major record labels , Arjona is by far the most important artist in the Latin pop to follow this trend .

= = Composition = =

" Te Quiero " is a latin pop song written and produced by Arjona , alongside longtime collaborators Dan Warner and Lee Levin under their stagename Los Gringos . Roger Hudson provided additional background vocals for the song , and Matt Rollings , Peter Wallace , Carlos " Cabral " Junior and Isaías García served as recording engineers , along with Warner and Levin . " Te Quiero " was mixed by David Thoener in The Blue Grotto at Nashville , Tennessee and mastered by Tom Coyne in Sterling Sound at New York City .

The song 's composition is heavily based on drums and guitars , along with additional Hammond B @-@ 3 , bass and percussion elements . David Jeffries from Allmusic , on his review of

Independiente , stated that the song " builds into a full @-@ band rave @-@ up during its choruses .  
" A live version of " Te Quiero " was made and used on the music video for the song , and was included on the single release .

= = Promotion = =

= = = Music video = = =

The music video for " Te Quiero " was released on 20 June 2012 . The clip was filmed during Arjona 's concert shows at the Vélez Sarsfield Stadium in Buenos Aires , Argentina , as part of his Metamorfosis World Tour . The video was directed by Gabriel Blanco and was produced by Tamir Lotan . This is the first time Arjona releases a music video recorded from his live performances while on tour . The clip starts showing behind the scenes shots of Arjona , his team and his fans while the song begins to play . Then , it shows the singer on stage singing the song in front of the public at the Velez Stadium , interpolated with shots from people during the performance singing the song . The live version of the song used on the clip was included on the single release of the song . As of 14 August 2012 , the video has reached 2 @.@ 1 million views on YouTube .

= = = Live performances = = =

" Te Quiero " was in the set list for a televised program in 2011 . The special included guest singers such as Gaby Moreno , Ricky Muñoz ( from Mexican band Intocable ) and Paquita la del Barrio . Broadcast by Televisa , the program was made to showcase the new fourteen songs included on Independiente . Ricky Muñoz commented that he was " happy to do things for Ricardo [ Arjona ] " and elaborated that they met each other " some time ago " and that it was " a very special situation .  
" The show was later broadcast on 5 November 2011 by Canal de las Estrellas .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Te Quiero " ? 4 : 38

" Te Quiero " ( Live ) ? 4 : 56

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits are taken from Independiente liner notes .

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =