"Young Love" is a song by American recording artist Janet Jackson from her self @-@ titled debut album (1982). It was written and produced by René Moore, Angela Winbush, with additional production by Bobby Watson. It was released as Jackson 's debut single on July 7, 1982 by A & M Records. Prior to her rise to fame, the singer had no interest in pursuing a musical career. Despite this, she was motivated to pursue a career in entertainment, and considered the idea after recording herself in the studio. After acting in the variety show The Jacksons, she began starring in several TV series and commenced recording her debut album.

"Young Love "received generally positive reviews from music critics, who highlighted it as a standout song from Janet Jackson and praised its catchiness. It peaked at number 64 on the Billboard Hot 100, and was a success on the R & B chart, additionally peaking at number 16 in New Zealand. In order to promote her album, she performed the song on Soul Train and American Bandstand. In recent years, she has included the song on her 2008 Rock Witchu Tour and her performance at the 2010 Essence Music Festival.

= = Background = =

Janet Jackson was born in Gary , Indiana , the youngest of ten children . Jackson had initially desired to become a horse racing jockey or entertainment lawyer , with plans to support herself through acting . Despite this , she was anticipated to pursue a career in entertainment , and considered the idea after recording herself in the studio . At age seven , Jackson performed at the Las Vegas Strip at the MGM Casino and began acting in the variety show The Jacksons in 1976 . The year after , she was selected to have a starring role as Penny Gordon Woods in the sitcom Good Times . She later starred in A New Kind of Family before joining the cast of Diff 'rent Strokes , portraying Charlene Duprey for two years . Jackson also played the recurring role of Cleo Hewitt during the fourth season of Fame , but expressed indifference towards the series . When Jackson was sixteen , she was arranged a contract with A & M Records and began recording her debut album with the assistance of her father , working with a number of songwriters and producers such as René Moore , Angela Winbush and Bobby Watson , who produced her first single , entitled "Young Love " , released on July 7 , 1982 .

= = Composition and reception = =

Lou Broadus , music director of WASC Radio , described the song as an " uptempo , happy song with a good hook " . After the single " Young Love " was released , it became a hit with young people . Stephen Thomas Erlewine from website AllMusic noted that Jackson demonstrated " no distinctive musical personality of her own , which isn 't surprising considering that she was in her teens . [...] Only " Young Love " stands out among the undistinguished , sub @-@ disco thumpers and drippy ballads . Similarly , Wilson & Alroy 's Record Reviews commented that " only " Young Love " has the catchiness Winbush is capable of " among the first part of the album .

In the United States , " Young Love " received little notoriety on the principal singles chart , the Billboard Hot 100 ; it was able to reach a peak of number 64 . However , on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , the single managed to reach number six . In New Zealand , " Young Love " debuted at number 46 on its singles chart , on the issue dated March 13 , 1983 . Several weeks later , on April 17 , 1983 , the song reached its peak of number 16 . It fell off the chart on May 1 , at number 33 . A year later , it re @-@ entered the singles chart , at number 45 .

= = Live performances = =

In order to promote Janet Jackson , she performed the song on American TV shows American Bandstand and Soul Train in 1982 . Several years later , Jackson included the song on her 2008 Rock Witchu Tour in the " Pre @-@ Control Medley " section of the show . It was later added to her

performance at the 2010 Essence Music Festival , held in New Orleans , Louisiana , which she headlined .

= = Official versions = =

Album Version - 4 : 58 Seven Inch Version ° - 3 : 41 12 " Dance Mix - 5 : 07 ° Unavailable on CD

= = Track listings and formats = =

US vinyl / 7 " single
" Young Love " ? 3 : 39
" The Magic is Working " - 4 : 08

= = Credits and personnel = =

Janet Jackson - vocals René Moore - songwriter , producer Angela Winbush - songwriter , producer Bobby Watson - producer Harry Langdon - protography Allen Zentz - mastering Source :

= = Charts = =