

= Tengo Un Amor =

" Tengo Un Amor " (English : " I Have One Love ") is the debut single by Puerto Rican @-@ American singer @-@ songwriter Toby Love from his self @-@ titled debut studio album . It was released on November 6 , 2006 by Sony BMG Norte . A remix version with R.K.M & Ken @-@ Y was also recorded and included on the album . After separating from the Bachata group Aventura in 2006 , Toby Love set out on his own to record his debut album . The song became a success in the Latin market , reaching number one in the Billboard Latin Rhythm Airplay chart , the top five of both the Billboard Hot Latin Tracks and Billboard Latin Tropical Airplay charts while peaking at # 100 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in the United States .

= = Background = =

Toby Love was born and raised in the Bronx , New York to Puerto Rican parents . Toby exclaimed that he fell in love with the genre of bachata , after being exposed to it as a child . He explained that his mother had always listened to that type of music . His mother had remarried to a Dominican and Love was raised around both cultures . He stated that he is a big fan of R & B and found it easy to incorporate it in his music .

After spending six years with the Bachata group Aventura , first appearing on the album Generation Next at the age of 16 , Love embarked on his solo career . He met with Aventura while he was still in a merengue group as a teenager . Living in the same neighborhood as the group , he became close friends with the member Max " Mikey " Santos , who later asked Love to join .

= = Composition = =

" Tengo Un Amor " was written by Love with additional composition by Edwin Perez who also handled production for the song . The song was written with Spanglish lyrics combining crunk hip hop with bachata . David Jefferies , while reviewing the parent album , called the song an " incredibly smooth , lush , and glittery ballad " while listing the song as a selected " Allmusic Pick " . Love later called " Tengo Un Amor " the " door @-@ opener " for all of his future success .

His influential musicians include Michael Jackson , Lauryn Hill , Juan Luis Guerra and Héctor Lavoe , which helped combined the mixture of R & B and bachata found on " Tengo Un Amor " . According to Billboard , the original version of the song is a " straightforward bachata song while the remix with R.K.M & Ken @-@ Y , known then as Rakim & Ken @-@ Y provides " urban street cred " . The remix also features a verse by R.K.M where he raps to a rhythm of bachata infused with reggaetón , or bachaton .

= = Release and chart performance = =

" Tengo Un Amor " was released digitally on November 6 , 2006 by Sony BMG Norte . After reaching number three on the Billboard Bubbling Under Hot 100 , the song debuted and peaked at # 100 of the Billboard Hot 100 chart for the week of November 18 , 2006 . On the Billboard Hot Latin Tracks chart , the song debuted for the issue week of August 5 , 2006 and peaked at number two for the week of November 11 , 2006 . This gave R.K.M & Ken @-@ Y their third Top 10 single following " Down " and " Me Matas " . On the Billboard Latin Tropical Airplay chart , the song debuted for the week of August 19 , 2006 and peaked at number three for the week of November 11 , 2006 . On the Billboard Latin Pop Airplay chart , the song debuted for the week of October 7 , 2006 and peaked at # 25 for the week of October 28 , 2006 . In Los Angeles , the song became one of the top five most requested tracks on the Rhythmic Top 40 KXOL (96 @. @ 3) , the Senior Vice President of which called the song a " smash " while citing its success as an acceptance of Hispanic audiences and urban tastes .

= = Accolades = =

" Tengo Un Amor " received three nominations at the 2007 Latin Billboard Music Awards for Best Vocal Duet or Collaboration and Tropical Airplay Song of the Year , Duo or Group for the remix version while winning the award for Tropical Airplay Song of the Year , New Artist category . He was also awarded Best Rap / Hip @-@ Hop Album for Toby Love . The song was award an ASCAP award for Urban Song of the Year from the American Society of Composers , Authors and Publishers . According to Jon Caramanica of New York Times , " Tengo Un Amor " is Love 's " biggest hit " .

= = Charts = =