

= Born Again (Third Day song) =

" Born Again " is a song recorded by the Christian rock band Third Day and alternative metal singer Lacey Mosley . Written by Mac Powell and composed by Third Day , " Born Again " was released as the third and final single from Third Day 's 2008 album Revelation . Musically , the song is a ballad featuring influences from the genres of folk music and pop music , while the song is lyrically a " study in self @-@ examination and celebration of a life redeemed " . It was included on the compilation album WOW Hits 2011 .

" Born Again " met with positive critical reception , with many critics praising Mosley 's vocals . It was nominated for two Grammy Awards at the 52nd Grammy Awards : the Grammy Award for Best Gospel Song and the Grammy Award for Best Gospel Performance . It was the third No. 1 single from Revelation and twenty @-@ seventh overall for Third Day , peaking atop the Billboard Christian AC Monitored chart ; it also peaked at No. 3 on the Hot Christian Songs chart , No. 4 on the Hot Christian AC chart , No. 10 on the Christian CHR chart , and No. 41 on the Heatseekers Songs chart . Billboard also ranked " Born Again " on their 2009 year @-@ end Hot Christian Songs , Hot Christian AC , and Christian CHR charts .

= = Background = =

The lyrics to the first verse of " Born Again " were written while Third Day 's lead singer , Mac Powell , was folding laundry . Powell recalled that " I was doing some chores at home . I was sitting down on the floor folding laundry and I had that song in my head . All of a sudden it just came out--a full first verse literally . It wasn't like I said a line and worked out a few other lines , it literally just came out . I just spoke it and sang it and it scared me because that never happens " . Powell said he then " got up and I was running around the house , throwing stuff everywhere looking for a pen and a piece of paper " .

" Born Again " was written by Mac Powell and composed by Third Day . It was produced and programmed by Howard Benson and recorded by Mike Plontikoff at Bay 7 Studios in Valley Village , Los Angeles and at Sparky Dark Studio in Calabasas , California . The song was mixed by Chris Lord @-@ Alge at Resonate Music in Burbank , California and mastered by Bob Ludwig at Gateway Mastering in Portland , Maine . Digital editing was conducted by Paul DeCarli , while audio engineering was handled by Ashburn Miller with additional engineering handled by Hatsukazu Inagaki . Pre @-@ production was handled at Haunted Hollow Studio in Charlottesville , Virginia by Rob Evans and Steve Miller , at Tree Sound Studios in Norcross , Georgia by Don McCollister , and at Sonica Recording in Atlanta , Georgia by Jon Briglevich .

= = Composition = =

" Born Again " is a ballad with a length of three minutes and thirty @-@ six seconds . It is set in 6 / 8 time in the key of G major , with a moderately set tempo of 66 beats per minute and a vocal range spanning from D4 @-@ G5 . " Born Again " contains musical influences from the genres of folk and pop and features " gorgeous " and " soaring " vocals from Lacey Mosley of the alternative metal band Flyleaf . Lyrically , it is a " study in self @-@ examination and celebration of a life redeemed " and " a heartfelt expression of what it 's like to experience a change from within " . Third Day 's bassist , Tai Anderson , said the song " digs beneath " the " cliché " expression of being ' born again ' and into what the phrase is " supposed to mean " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical = = =

" Born Again " received positive reviews from music critics , some of whom praised the vocals from

Lacey Mosley and regarded it as a highlight of Revelation . Deborah Evans Price of Billboard praised the vocal performance of Mosley as " gorgeous " , while Russ Breimeier of Christianity Today praised it as " a heartfelt expression of what it 's like to experience a change from within " . Matt Conner of CCM Magazine regarded " Born Again " as " one of the highlights on an album full of them " , while John DiBiase of Jesus Freak Hideout described it as a " folk @-@ flavored ballad ... which beautifully features Lacey Mosley from Flyleaf " . Debra Akins of Gospel Music Channel praised it as " one of the best tracks " off Revelation . Graeme Crawford of Cross Rhythms , however , said the " pop " feel of " Born Again " was " disappointing " .

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= = = Chart performance = = =

On the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart , " Born Again " debuted at no . 25 for the chart week of 13 June 2009 . It advanced to no . 9 in its tenth chart week , and to no . 5 in its fourteenth chart week . In its twenty @-@ first chart week , " Born Again " reached its peak position of no . 3 ; it dropped out after twenty @-@ seven weeks on the Hot Christian Songs chart . On the Billboard Hot Christian AC chart , " Born Again " debuted at no . 27 for the chart week of June 13 , 2009 . It advanced to no . 18 in its fifth chart week and to no . 8 in its twelfth chart week . In its fifteenth chart week , " Born Again " reached its peak position of no . 4 on the chart ; " Born Again " dropped out after twenty @-@ eight weeks on the Hot Christian AC chart .

" Born Again " spent twenty weeks on the Billboard Christian CHR chart , peaking at no . 10 . It peaked at no . 1 on the Billboard Christian AC Indicator chart , making it Third Day 's third no . 1 single from Revelation and twenty @-@ seventh no . 1 single overall . It also spent eight weeks on the Billboard Heatseekers Songs chart , peaking at no . 41 . It ranked at no . 9 on the 2009 year @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart , at no . 14 on the 2009 year @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart , and at no . 27 on the 2009 year @-@ end Christian CHR chart .

= = Live performances = =

Since its release , Third Day has performed " Born Again " in concert . At WinterJam 2010 , Third Day performed the song with Dawn Michele of Fireflight . On the opening night of the Make a Difference Tour , Third Day performed " Born Again " as part of their setlist . At a concert as part of their Make Your Move Tour in Wilkes Barre , Pennsylvania on 6 November 2011 , the band performed the song during an acoustic set ; the band took requests , and " Born Again " was one of the songs requested . Third Day also performed the song at a concert in Joplin , Missouri on 20 March 2011 ; following the devastating tornado that struck Joplin on 22 May 2011 , Third Day released the entire concert as a download , with all proceeds going to tornado relief for Joplin .

= = Personnel = =

(Credits lifted from the album liner notes)

= = Charts = =

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