

= Around the World (Christina Aguilera song) =

" Around the World " is a song by American recording artist Christina Aguilera from her seventh studio album , Lotus (2012) . It was written by Aguilera and Ali Tamposi and was co @-@ written and produced by Supa Dups and Jason Gilbert . The song is an uptempo pop track , with crashing drums and a thumping bassline . The song is about how Aguilera wants to make love in different countries around the world with her lover . It also refers to her 2001 single " Lady Marmalade " , where she whispers the lyrics " Voulez @-@ vous coucher avec moi , se soir ? " . " Around the World " received mixed reviews from music critics ; some thought it was fun , while others felt it was faceless . Upon the release of Lotus , the song debuted and peaked at number 158 on the South Korean International singles chart .

= = Background = =

Following the release of her sixth studio album , Bionic (2010) , Aguilera filed for divorce from her husband Jordan Bratman , starred in her first feature film , Burlesque and recorded the accompanying soundtrack . She then became a coach on NBC 's singing competition show The Voice and appeared as a featured artist on Maroon 5 's single " Moves like Jagger " (2011) , which spent four weeks atop the US Billboard Hot 100 chart . Following these events , Aguilera announced that had plans to begin production of her seventh album , stating that she wanted high quality and " personal " songs for the record . Regarding the creative direction , she revealed that the album would be a " culmination of everything I 've experienced up until this point ... I 've been through a lot since the release of my last album , being on (' The Voice ') , having had a divorce ... This is all sort of a free rebirth for me . " She further said " I 'm embracing many different things , but it 's all feel @-@ good , super @-@ expressive [and] super @-@ vulnerable . " Aguilera continued to say that the album would be about " self ? expression and freedom " because of the personal struggles she had overcome during the last couple of years . Speaking about her new material during an interview on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno in 2012 , Aguilera said that the recording process for Lotus was taking a while because " I don 't like to just get songs from producers . I like them to come from a personal place ... I 'm very excited . It 's fun , exciting , introspective , it 's going to be great " .

= = Recording and composition = =

" Around the World " was co @-@ written by Aguilera with Dwayne Chin @-@ Quee , Jason Gilbert and Ali Thompson . It was produced by Supa Dups and it was co @-@ produced by Gilbert . Aguilera 's vocals were recorded at The Red Lips Room in Beverly Hills , California by Oscar Ramirez . It is a pop song with a ragga flavour , and runs for a duration of three minutes and 24 seconds . Its instrumentation contains crashing drums and " a thumping bassline " . According to Chris Younie from 4Music , the song's chorus is " insanely catchy " . Lyrically , it talks about Christina wanting to have sexual intercourse with someone in different locations around the world , including Hollywood and Japan . The track also refers to her 2001 hit " Lady Marmalade " , where Aguilera whispers the lyrics " Voulez @-@ vous coucher avec moi , ce soir ? " .

= = Critical reception = =

" Around the World " received generally mixed reviews from music critics . Chris Younie of 4Music gave the song a favorable review , calling it a " party @-@ like song of lust and desire " and has " an insanely catchy chorus " . The Scotsman critic Fiona Sheperd wrote that the song has " the most resounding chorus on the album " . Mike Wass of Idolator gave it a mix review , writing it is " another inoffensive adventure that scores extra points for quoting lyrics from ' Lady Marmalade ' " , however it " lacks the big pop hook need to wreak havoc on the charts " . Writing on behalf of The New York Times , Jon Caramanica called it " gauche and aesthetically vulgar in the way Ms. Aguilera once proudly was " .

Andrew Hampp of Billboard was mixed , writing that , " Sadly , the second @-@ verse reference to ' Lady Marmalade ' remains one of the few moments of fun on this otherwise tepid track " . Michael Gallucci of PopCrush called it " a faceless dance track built around another solid beat " , but also commenting , " Aguilera 's insistence on singing part of the song with Lionel Richie 's ' All Night Long (All Night) ' island accent is totally misguided " . Sam Hine of Popjustice called it " pop filler " and " it prompts his headache to really kick in " . Several critics compared " Around the World " to songs performed by Barbadian recording artist Rihanna . Kitty Empire of The Observer called it a " come @-@ hither tune " , also writing that it is a " Rihanna @-@ copping " . T 'cha Dunlevy , a writer for the Montreal Gazette , agreed with EMpire 's sentiments , calling it " a blatant Rihanna ripoff " . Annie Zaleschi of The A.V. Club echoed the same thought , calling it a " Rihanna reject " .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Vocals recorded at The Red Lips Room , Beverly Hills , California

Personnel

Songwriting ? Christina Aguilera , Dwanve Chin @-@ Quee , Jason Gilbert , Ali Tamposi

Production ? Dwayne " Supa Dups " Chin @-@ Quee , Jason " JG " Gilbert (co @-@ producer)

Vocal recording ? Oscar Ramirez

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Lotus , RCA Records .

= = Charts = =

Upon the release of Lotus , " Around the World " debuted on the South Korean International download singles chart at number 158 during the week of November 11 to 17 , 2012 , due to digital download sales of 1 @ , @ 958 .