

= Dangerously in Love 2 =

" Dangerously in Love 2 " is a song written and produced by Beyoncé and Errol McCalla , Jr . The ballad was first recorded by Destiny 's Child for their third studio album Survivor ( 2001 ) , under the title " Dangerously in Love " . The song later became the title track to Beyoncé 's debut album with some minor adjustments instrumentally . " Dangerously in Love 2 " is an R & B and soul ballad , the lyrics of which detail romantic obsession .

" Dangerously in Love 2 " received generally positive response from music critics , who wrote that the song effectively shows the vocal capabilities of Beyoncé . It won a Grammy Award for Best Female R & B Vocal Performance at the 46th Grammy Awards . Though not released as a single , " Dangerously in Love 2 " charted at number 57 the US Billboard Hot 100 chart and at number 17 on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . Beyoncé performed the ballad at the 46th Grammy Awards , the Verizon Ladies First Tour , the Dangerously in Love Tour , The Beyoncé Experience and the I Am ... Tour . Beyoncé has earned a number of positive reviews for her live performances of the song on her tours .

= = Background and composition = =

" Dangerously in Love " was written and produced by Beyoncé and Errol McCalla , Jr . It was recorded for the Destiny 's Child album , Survivor ( 2001 ) . Beyoncé re @-@ recorded the song at the SugarHill Studios in Houston , Texas in 2002 for her debut solo album , Dangerously in Love . Her version , which was titled " Dangerously in Love 2 " , features a modified arrangement . It was set as a remix track , but later became the title track to her debut studio album .

" Dangerously in Love 2 " is a moderate R & B , soul and quiet storm ballad pacing in medium time . It was written in the key of F major , and moves at a moderate tempo set at 100 beats per minute . Vocal elements of the song range from E3 to D5 . " Dangerously in Love " is backed by piano and thumping drum instrumentation . Many music critics noted it to be musically similar to the original Destiny 's child version . Lyrically , the song is about being romantically obsessed , as indicated in the chorus : " I am in love with you / You set me free / I can 't do this thing called life without you here with me " . According to Lisa Verrico of The Times , " Dangerously in Love 2 " bears resemblance to Janet Jackson 's work if viewed from a " flirty " perspective .

= = Reception = =

" Dangerously in Love 2 " received mostly positive reviews from music critics . Natalie Nichols of Los Angeles Times stated that the song is just one of many wailing ballads designed to demonstrate " the soulful bleating of Beyonce , the centerpiece of R & B star trio Destiny 's Child . " Sal Cinquemani of Slant Magazine gave a mixed review of the song , stating that it seemed a bit dated and that it was " a near @-@ carbon copy of Survivor ? s melodramatic ' Dangerously in Love ' [ that ] is completely superfluous . " While covering the 2004 reunion of Destiny 's Child , Jet Magazine considered the song a major hit of Beyoncé 's debut album . In an article from Teen Ink , the song was noted as one of the top " lush ballads " of the album . " Dangerously in Love 2 " won in the category Best Female R & B Vocal Performance at the 46th Grammy Awards on February 8 , 2004 .

Beyoncé 's version charted on a few Billboard component charts . " Dangerously in Love 2 " made its first chart appearance on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart at number 73 on July 3 , 2004 . For the following seven weeks , the song kept on charting in the lower positions of the chart , until it was titled as the greatest gainer on the chart issue dated August 21 , 2004 , ascending 28 places from number 71 to number 43 . Its entry on the US Radio Songs chart at number 75 , prompted its debut on the US Billboard Hot 100 issue dated September 18 , 2004 at number 76 . " Dangerously in Love 2 " was propelled to number 60 on the Hot 100 chart the following week as it made the largest chart move on the Radio Songs chart by ascending to number 59 . The song peaked at number 17 on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart on September 25 , 2004 ,

and at number 57 US Billboard Hot 100 on October 2 , 2004 . On June 14 , 2006 , the song was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America ( 2006 ) for sales of over 500 @,@ 000 ringtones . As at October 6 , 2010 , " Dangerously in Love 2 " had sold around 130 @,@ 000 digital downloads in the United States .

= = Live performances = =

Destiny 's Child performed " Dangerously in Love " live for the first time at the Pepsi Arena in Albany , New York in 2001 . The performance was also part of the setlist for their World Tour . Beyoncé also famously performed the song at the 2004 Grammy Awards on February 8 , 2004 , where it won in the category of Best Female R & B Vocal Performance . Beyoncé was wearing a long , glittery turquoise and silver dress . She positioned herself between the edges of a giant picture frame and sung " Dangerously in Love 2 " as if she were in a living oil painting . She was joined by seventeen backup singers , musicians and dancers . At the end , she held out her hand and a dove landed in her outstretched palm . Jon Wiederhorn of MTV News commented that the performance was " nothing short of extravagant . "

Beyoncé also added the song to the track @-@ listing of her first solo @-@ tour Dangerously in Love Tour , notably at Wembley Arena in London , United Kingdom . There she performed a special rendition of the song that came in at well over 8 @-@ minutes . During the Verizon Ladies First Tour which also featured Alicia Keys , Missy Elliott and Tamia , Beyoncé performed " Dangerously in Love 2 " in New York in front of more than 20 @,@ 000 fans . Before starting her performance , she asked the audience whether they have ever fell in love . As she started to sing , more dancers joined in on smaller and circular platforms . Simultaneously , fire shot from the floor and a long , rectangular screen merged video of flames with images of the performers , seemingly setting them on fire . Shaheem Reid of MTV News complimented the performance writing : " [ Beyoncé ] had New Yorkers cheering like the Yankees had just won the World Series when she perfectly hit the high note toward the end of ' Dangerously in Love 2 ' . "

On August 5 , 2007 , Beyoncé performed the song at the Madison Square Garden in Manhattan . While singing , Beyoncé was accompanied by her all @-@ female band , and she incorporated Jill Scott 's " He Loves Me " in " Dangerously in Love 2 " . Shaheem Reid of MTV News praised the performance , writing : " For all the dancing she did , Beyoncé got an equally big ? if not more resounding ? response for displaying her undeniable vocal ability on the ballads [ ... ] ' Dangerously in Love ' . " Another review from PopEater stated : " Beyoncé Knowles transforms into an open book of emotion , sensuality , physics @-@ defying dance moves and goosebump @-@ inducing vocals . [ ... ] she showed us that even her ballads could be over @-@ the @-@ top and her voice had enough star power even when it wasn ' t complemented by her gyrating hips . "

Beyoncé additionally performed the song on a number of other occasions , including the song as part of her set list on The Beyoncé Experience in Los Angeles and I Am ... Tour during the first stops in the beginning of the tour . In Los Angeles , Beyoncé gave a full @-@ length performance of the song , dressed in a long sequent number that flowed straight down to her feet . It was executed with several female and male backup dancers , and live instrumentation . Jon Pareles of The New York Times praised the performance , stating : " Beyoncé needs no distractions from her singing , which can be airy or brassy , tearful or vicious , rapid @-@ fire with staccato syllables or sustained in curlicued melismas . But she was in constant motion , strutting in costumes [ ... ] " . Although the song was performed on selected dates of the I Am ... Tour , it was not included on the physical release of the tour on DVD / CD . The song was also performed during the I Am ... Yours 2009 Las Vegas revue show , in a medley that included an acoustic version of " Sweet Dreams " and a cover of Anita Baker 's song " Sweet Love " .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits taken from Dangerously in Love liner notes .

Vocals : Beyoncé Knowles

Writing : Beyoncé Knowles , Errol McCalla Jr .  
Vocal Engineer : Brian Springer  
Mix engineer : Dexter Simmons  
Guitars : Dan Workman  
Additional Guitars : John " Jab " Broussard  
Instrument Engineer : Dan Workman  
Producing : Beyoncé Knowles , Errol " Poppi " McCalla Jr .

= = Charts and certifications = =