

= Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) =

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " is a song by American singer and songwriter Mariah Carey from her second Christmas album / thirteenth studio album , Merry Christmas II You (2010) . The second single from the album , an extended play consisting of nine remixes was released by Island on December 14 , 2010 . Using the public domain poem " Auld Lang Syne " by Robert Burns , Carey along with Randy Jackson and Johnny " Sev " Severin (of RedOne) composed a new arrangement and re @-@ titled it . The track garnered a negative response from critics , all of whom disliked how Carey had re @-@ composed the poem into a house music song . An accompanying music video was released featuring a pregnant Carey singing in front of a background of exploding fireworks . " Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " charted on the lower regions of the South Korean international singles charts and at number nine on the US Holiday Digital Songs chart .

= = Background and composition = =

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " is a re @-@ write of " Auld Lang Syne " by Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns , which was written in 1788 and published in James Johnson 's Scots Musical Museum in 1796 . However , as noted by the BBC 's Pauline Mackay , Burns often re @-@ arranged and rewrote old songs before publishing them as his own work , and is thus listed under the public domain . Mariah Carey 's version is a new arrangement that uses some of the original lyrics by Burns , and was composed by Carey with Randy Jackson and Johnny " Sev " Severin . The singer 's vocals were recorded by Brian Garten at Henson Studios and Westlake Recording Studios , both located in Los Angeles , California . The music for the song was recorded by Severin , Keith Gretlein and Garten . It was mixed by Phil Tan and Damien Lewis at The Ninja Beat Club in Atlanta , Georgia . All instrumentation was performed by Severin , apart from the piano which was played by James " Big Jim " Wright . Background vocals were performed Melonie Daniels , Sherry McGhee and Onitsha Shaw . Rye Songs administered by songs of Universal (BMI) / Hope Faith Destiny Music Group (BMI) ; 2101 Songs Admin . By Sony / ATV (BMI) . Johnny " Sev " Severin appears on behalf of RedOne Productions .

It appears as the thirteenth and final song on the standard track listing of Merry Christmas II You (2010) . On December 14 , 2010 , Carey released Extended play of nine remixes by (five by Ralphie Rosario and four by Johnny Vicious) as a digital download on iTunes . " Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " is a house track with a " thumping " instrumental according to Rich Juzwiak of The Village Voice , that lasts for three minutes and forty @-@ seven seconds . At one point in the song , Carey says " Does anybody really know the words ? "

= = Critical reception = =

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " garnered a negative response from critics . Mike Diver of the BBC wrote that Carey shows restraint for the most part of the album , but " Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " as the final track is " slathered in cheesy beats " . Rolling Stone writer Caryn Ganz disapproved of the dance beat , saying " It 's hard to figure out what 's ' extra festive ' (as the full song title promises) about her ' All I Want for Christmas Is You ' update , and far easier to determine what 's wrong with ' Auld Lang Syne ' (an awkward dance beat) . " Juzwiak was critical of the song , describing it as " robotic " .

= = Music video = =

A music video for " Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " was released on December 15 , 2010 . A pregnant Carey , who only moves from the waist up , wears a black laced dress while standing in front of a green screen , which depict exploding fireworks in the nights sky . Becky Bain for Idolator positively reviewed the video , writing " There is something so endlessly entertaining

about watching Mariah Carey do her patented diva theatrics ? waving her arms like a crazy hand model ; tenderly stroking her hair ; spinning around dramatically . "

= = Track listings = =

Digital download (Album Version)

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " ? 3 : 47

Digital download (Remixes)

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Ralphie Rosario Traditional Club Mix] ? 3 : 47

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Rosario Traditional Mixshow] ? 6 : 11

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Rosario Traditional Radio Edit] ? 4 : 13

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Ralphie 's Alternative Club Mix] ? 6 : 07

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Ralphie 's Alternative Mixshow Edit] ? 5 : 21

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Johnny Vicious Warehouse Mix] ? 6 : 44

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Johnny Vicious Warehouse Radio] ? 3 : 14

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Johnny Vicious Warehouse Dub] ? 7 : 37

" Auld Lang Syne (The New Year 's Anthem) " [Johnny Vicious Warehouse Mix] { No Vocal Intro }
? 5 : 39

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =