

= A Year Without Rain (song) =

" A Year Without Rain " is a song by American band Selena Gomez & the Scene . It was written by Lindy Robbins and Toby Gad , with the latter also producing the song . The song was released on September 7 , 2010 as the second and final single from the band 's second album of the same name . A Spanish @-@ language version of the song was also recorded , entitled " Un Año Sin Lluvia " [un ?a?o si? ??u?ja] . Gomez titled the album for the song because she wanted to base all the other songs around it . Musically , the song is a Eurodance ballad with a techno beat . In its lyrics , the song 's protagonist compares yearning for her love to a year without rain .

Music critics gave the song positive reviews , complimenting it as a dance ballad and noting Gomez 's vocal maturity . " A Year Without Rain " became the band 's third consecutive top forty single in the United States and Canada . It also charted in the lower regions of numerous European charts . The song 's accompanying music video , directed by Chris Dooley and shot on @-@ site in Lucerne Valley , California features Gomez frolicking in the desert surrounded by a swarm of photographs of her and her love interest , before they meet during a rainstorm . The band performed the song a number of times via live performances , including on televised programs such as Good Morning America , The Ellen DeGeneres Show , and the 37th Annual People 's Choice Awards .

= = Background and composition = =

In August 2010 , a demo of the song , sung by singer Selin Alexa leaked online . Becky Bain of Idolator called the song a " mature dance track " and said that it " wouldn ? t entirely be out of place on a Sophie Ellis @-@ Bextor album . " It seems that it was first made for Leona Lewis . In an interview with MTV News , Gomez said that " A Year Without Rain " was the first song she recorded for the album . She also explained why she named the album for the song , commenting , " I feel like that song has a lot of meaning , and it also kind of was the start of what I wanted to base all the other songs around . " A Spanish @-@ language version of the song titled " Un Año Sin Ver Lluvia " was released through the iTunes Store on October 26 , 2010 .

" A Year Without Rain " is a dance ballad , written by Toby Gad and Lindy Robbins , with a length of three minutes and twenty @-@ nine seconds . It was also produced by Gad . Musically , the track uses a standard pop structure and derives from the genre of Eurodance , backed with a techno beat . According to sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by EMI Music Publishing , " A Year Without Rain " is set in common time and has a tempo of 120 beats per minute . It is written in the key of C major and follows the chord progression of C ? Gm ? Dm ? F. Gomez 's vocals in the song span from F3 to E5 . Lyrically , the song sees Gomez longing for the object of her affection and compares it to a year without rain : " I need you by my side / Don 't know how I 'll survive / A day without you is like a year without rain . " According to Megan Vick of Billboard , the sound of the song contrasts with its " tender " lyrics .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

Allmusic 's Tim Sendra also named the song a standout on the album , calling it " catchy " and " well @-@ sung " . Megan Vick of Billboard said that while Gomez did not have the vocal power of Demi Lovato , she " makes a strong effort to attack the high notes as she croons the chorus " . Vick stated that the song " is compelling enough to separate the singer from other Disney @-@ groomed pop stars . " Wairarapa Times @-@ Age writer Kim Gillespie named " A Year Without Rain " one of the album 's highlights . David Welsh of musicOMH noted Gomez ' mature performance and wrote that the song " reaps rewards with an impressively heartbroken stab at euro @-@ dance " . In contrast , The Washington Post critic Allison Stewart was unfavorable of the lyrical content of the song , commenting that it was " the sort of exercise in teenage co @-@ dependence ... that should

be long extinct . "

== Chart performance ==

Propelled by its debut at number fourteen on the Hot Digital Songs chart , " A Year Without Rain " debuted at number thirty @-@ five on the Billboard Hot 100 , becoming the group 's third consecutive top forty single . It remained on the chart for four weeks . On the week dated January 1 , 2011 , the song debuted at number thirty @-@ six on the US Hot Dance Club Play chart . As of August 2014 , the song has sold 1 @,@ 002 @,@ 000 downloads in the US .

The song achieved greater success in Canada , peaking at thirty on the Canadian Hot 100 . The song also appeared on numerous European charts , peaking at seventy @-@ eight in the United Kingdom , fifty @-@ six in Germany , and forty @-@ one in Slovakia . It also reached number three on the Belgian Flanders Tip chart .

== Music video ==

The music video , directed by Chris Dooley , was shot on location in Lucerne Valley , California . It premiered on September 3 , 2010 on Disney Channel , following the premiere of Camp Rock 2 : The Final Jam and a sneak peek of Fish Hooks . The video starts off with the band driving through the desert in a red convertible . Gomez removes a photograph from the sun visor , which is subsequently blown away by the wind . The chorus commences as the band disappears and Gomez steps out of the vehicle , wearing a dress and begins to sing . As the video progresses , a multitude of photographs of her relationship fall from the sky , as Gomez travels elegantly through the desert . During the bridge , it starts to rain as Gomez spots her love interest (Niko Pepaj) in the distance . The two begin to walk towards each other , and the video ends as they meet and hold hands .

Nadine Cheung of AOL JSYK said " She sings : ' I 'm missing you so much / Can 't help it , I 'm in love / A day without you is like a year without rain ' and that 's really what 's depicted in a simple and sweet way . "

== Live performances ==

The band first performed the song on September 22 , 2010 on The Ellen DeGeneres Show . The band performed the song on Good Morning America on September 23 , 2010 . On November 16 , 2010 , the band performed the song on Lopez Tonight , and they performed it on Live with Regis and Kelly on December 1 , 2010 . They performed the song at the 2011 People 's Choice Awards on January 5 , 2011 , and afterwards were awarded the Choice award for Favorite Breakout Artist . Gomez appeared on stage accompanied by low lights and fog . Kara Warner of MTV News commented , " Although it wasn 't a stadium @-@ rocking performance à la Lady Gaga or Katy Perry , Gomez powered through her pop song with a sense of earnestness and commitment . She didn 't even miss a beat when her earpiece appeared to fall out mid @-@ song . " The song was also performed during the We Own the Night Tour .

== Formats and track listings ==

Germany CD single

" A Year Without Rain " ? 3 : 54

" A Year Without Rain " (Starlab Radio Edit) ? 3 : 41

Digital download

" A Year Without Rain " ? 3 : 55

UK promo CD

" A Year Without Rain " ? 3 : 54

" A Year Without Rain " (Instrumental) ? 3 : 54

= = Awards and nominations = =

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =