

= Someday (I Will Understand) =

" Someday (I Will Understand) " is a song recorded by American singer Britney Spears . It was written by Spears and produced by Guy Sigsworth . The song was released on August 18 , 2005 , by Jive Records , as the sole single from Spears ' first extended play , Britney & Kevin : Chaotic (2005) . In July 2004 , Spears announced her engagement to American dancer Kevin Federline , later revealing she would be taking another career break to start a family . Spears wrote the song two weeks before knowing she was pregnant with her first child , Sean Preston Federline . A pop ballad , " Someday (I Will Understand) " lyrics refer to a feeling of empowerment as a pregnant woman . A remixed version of the song was included on the 2005 remix compilation , B in the Mix : The Remixes .

" Someday (I Will Understand) " has received mixed reviews from music critics . A few reviewers considered it as a lesson on the singer 's history and a " tear @-@ jerker " ballad , while others considered it a non @-@ savable " flop single " . The song reached the top ten in Denmark , Sweden and Switzerland and also charted in a number of European countries . An accompanying music video , directed by Michael Haussman , premiered on the finale of Britney & Kevin : Chaotic . Entirely shot in black @-@ and @-@ white , the music video features Spears as a pregnant woman and portrays a transformation of her character . Contemporary critics noted the video as a departure from Spears ' previous music videos , while comparing the imagery of it to American entertainer Madonna 's Kabbalah makeover .

= = Background = =

In July 2004 , Spears announced her engagement to American dancer Kevin Federline , whom she had met three months before . The romance received intense attention from the media , since Federline had recently broken up with actress Shar Jackson , who was still pregnant with their second child at the time . The initial stages of their relationship were chronicled in Spears 's first reality show Britney & Kevin : Chaotic . They held a wedding ceremony on September 18 , 2004 , but were not legally married until three weeks later on October 6 due to a delay finalizing the couple 's prenuptial agreement . In October 2004 , the singer announced she would be taking another career break to start a family . Spears gave birth to her first child , Sean Preston Federline , on September 14 , 2005 .

" Someday (I Will Understand) " was composed by Spears on the piano at her house , two weeks before she learned of her pregnancy with Sean Preston . She explained the song came " like a prophecy ... when you 're pregnant , you 're empowered " . It was produced by Guy Sigsworth , who previously worked with the singer on " Everytime " (2003) . Spears recorded her vocals for the song at Conway Studios in Los Angeles , California , and at Frou Frou Central in London . The piano was played by Spears herself , while all other instruments and mixing were done by Sigsworth . Background vocals for the song were provided by Kate Havnevik .

= = Critical response = =

" Someday (I Will Understand) " received mixed reviews from music critics . While reviewing Britney & Kevin : Chaotic , Mike McGuirk of Rhapsody noted , " Britney now sings about either the husband or the kid . (Sorry , people . It 's a sad day for the middle @-@ aged American male sicko .) For everyone else , these bonus tracks further Spears ' upward path of totally bangin ' production and almost uncanny Prince @-@ channeling . " Gil Kaufman of MTV thought the song a " horrible Britney ballad with the black @-@ and @-@ white video that began her descent into madness . " Leo Ebersole of Chicago Tribune considered it " a fictional piece " , while another reviewer from the same newspaper noted that " as a matter of fact , the song is more or less a lesson in Britney history . " Becky Bain of Idolator praised the track , stating that " Britney goes genuine for this ode to her unborn baby . " Kurt Kirton of About.com said that " And Then We Kiss " and other remixes of songs like " Toxic " and " Someday (I Will Understand) " on the remix album B in the Mix : The Remixes "

hold their own " . IGN writer Spence D. noted the Hi @-@ Bias Signature Radio Remix " reverberates with all the clichés that often stifle the music that rustles through the late night / early morning club scenes around the world . " Rolling Stone contributor Barry Walters gave the song 's remix a negative review , saying that " nothing can rescue Spears ' freakishly sappy flop single " Someday (I Will Understand) " . " Bradley Stern also of MTV , however , praised the Leama & Moor Remix , saying it " transforms the tearjerker of a ballad into a full @-@ on trance anthem . Big beats , stuttering vocals -- it 's heartbreak on the dance floor . "

= = Commercial performance = =

On September 1 , 2005 , " Someday (I Will Understand) " debuted at number 46 on the Swedish Singles Chart . It peaked at number 10 the following week . In Switzerland , the song debuted at number eight on the week of September 4 , 2005 . On September 9 , 2005 , the song debuted in the Danish Singles Chart at number 11 . The following week , it peaked at the eight position . " Someday (I Will Understand) " also reached the top 20 in Belgium (Flanders and Wallonia) , Finland and Norway and charted in Austria and the Netherlands . " Someday (I Will Understand) " has sold 60 @, @ 000 paid digital downloads in the United States , according to Nielsen SoundScan .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Someday (I Will Understand) " was directed by Michael Haussman . Spears commented that he " [did] a great job capturing the song , the essence and the emotion " and added that the video had " a different feeling " from any of her previous videos . It was shot entirely in black @-@ and @-@ white . Spears asserted that her life had " come full circle " and implied that in the process she underwent changes in her soul and body , as shown in the video . It premiered on June 14 , 2005 during the fifth and last episode of Spears 's reality show Britney & Kevin : Chaotic , titled " Veil of Secrecy " . The music video features a pregnant Spears lying in bed and walking around a house while singing to her unborn child . She also gazes through the window at the Roman sculptures in the garden .

Dana Alice Heller noted that her provocative costuming and dancing are replaced in the video with a solitary , fabric @-@ draped Spears that evokes an ethereal calmness . Heller compared the imagery to Madonna 's Kabbalah makeover , but added that while Madonna was " in her thirties after a tabloid head @-@ lining first marriage and a few other misguided relationships , Spears was only twenty @-@ two , making her transformation seem forced " . Hayley Butler of Jam ! said " the video is a far cry from the snake handling , sweating and skimpy Britney videos of the past . Dressed in a classy silk dress , she runs through gardens , lies in bed and walks through the grass , all with a burgeoning belly . " John Mitchel of MTV included the video on the list " Beyonce , Britney And Madonna : What To Expect When You 're Expecting ? Music Video Edition " in 2011 . Despite praising the track , Idolator blogger Becky Bain stated that " at this point she still looks like a teenager herself , so it 's a little disconcerting seeing her with that huge belly , singing about motherhood . "

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