

= Sunsets ( song ) =

" Sunsets " is a song released as the third single from Australian rock band Powderfinger 's fifth studio album , Vulture Street . The single was released on 4 January 2004 in Australia and New Zealand .

" Sunsets " earned a mixed response from reviewers . Some reviewers praised its appeal and aggression , whilst others appreciated the power ballad elements within it . Others , however , described the song negatively as " lumbering " . " Sunsets " charted moderately , reaching No. 11 on the Australian singles chart .

= = Recording and production = =

Vulture Street was recorded and developed over a seven @-@ week period in Sydney , Australia . It was during this time that " Sunsets " was written and produced . Nick DiDia produced the album , as he had done on previous Powderfinger albums including Odyssey Number Five . " Sunsets " was mixed in Atlanta , Georgia , by Brendan OBrien , who had previously worked with DiDia . Fanning described the album during production stages as " a much more dry , direct rock " , but also noted that " just because I rock , doesn 't mean I 'm made of stone " . In that sense , " Sunsets " ( and numerous other songs on Vulture Street ) were seen as emotive , combined with the rock elements Fanning described .

In an interview with Undercover magazine , Powderfinger guitarist Darren Middleton described " Sunsets " as one of ( songwriter and lead vocalist ) Bernard Fanning 's older songs . He said it was similar to the acoustic songs on Odyssey Number Five , the band 's previous album . Middleton also said the band worked hard to make " Sunsets " heavy , so that it shared the feel of other songs on the album . In an interview with Rove host Rove McManus , Fanning described Vulture Street as the band wanting to " make a change " and " go back to why [ they ] started playing " . He cited rock and roll from the 1970s as a major influence on the album , especially the work of Led Zeppelin and AC / DC .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Sunsets " was created by the animation studio Liquid Animation . It begins with the following dialogue in yellow :

The visual theme for the video is the Chinese legend of Houyi . The video goes on to introduce King Di @-@ Jun , his ten sons ( who are also the Celestial Suns ) , Queen Xi and Warrior Yi . The video shows one of the King 's ten sons being strapped to the back of the jade dragon , but breaks free and the sons made life on Earth unbearable , so the King send the warrior who was introduced earlier to kill them . He succeeds in finding them , and kills all but one .

An acoustic video for " Sunsets " is also featured on bonus DVDs for Vulture Street , and Dream Days at the Hotel Existence , as well as the Sunsets DVD single and These Days : Live in Concert " low key " DVD . The video features Bernard Fanning and Darren Middleton playing the song in a rehearsal room .

= = Response = =

" Sunsets " was received with varying levels of enthusiasm from reviewers . MusicOMH reviewer Simon Evans described " Sunsets " and " Stumblin ' " as some of the more " lumbering " moments on Vulture Street , but still said they contained " a certain earthy appeal " . In his review of Vulture Street , Sputnikmusic contributor James Bishop agreed , calling " Sunsets " the " most successful single from the album " , and praising its emotional impact .

Meanwhile , Allmusic 's Vulture Street reviewer , Jason MacNeil , described " Sunsets " as " adorable " , and drew comparisons to The Verve 's " Lucky Man " . Sydney Morning Herald 's Bernard Zuel agreed , praising " Sunsets " as " the new definition of power ballad " , and saying the

song contained " open @-@ hearted feeling and well @-@ constructed progression " .

== Charts ==

== Awards ==

== Track listing ==

" Sunsets "

" Sunsets " ( acoustic )

" Rita " ( Audio Airlock Demos )

" Not the Only One " ( Studio outtake )

== Personnel ==