" A Little Bit " is a song recorded by American recording artist Jessica Simpson . It was written by Kara DioGuardi , Steve Morales and David Siegel , and was produced by Morales along with Ric Wake . The song was released as the second and final single from Simpson 's second studio album Irresistible (2001) , on October 29 , 2001 through Columbia Records . Musically , the song is a mid @-@ tempo dance @-@ pop song and the lyrics speak about the protagonist wanting changes in a relationship she is in .

The song received mostly positive reviews from music critics; most of them appreciated the song 's production. It failed to chart in the United States, but reached number sixty @-@ two on Australian Singles Chart. An accompanying music video, directed by Hype Williams, shows Simpson dancing on a futuristic dance floor, along with her backup dancers. Simpson performed the song on her DreamChaser Tour (2001), the 2001 Jingle Bell Bash and a few televised shows.

" A Little Bit " was covered by Welsh singer Rosie Ribbons for her unreleased album Misbehaving . Her version was released as a single through Telstar Records and peaked at number nineteen on the UK Singles Chart . The single was promoted through a promotional music video , which shows Ribbons performing dance routines with her dancers , and live performances on various televised appearances like CD : UK and Top of the Pops and Smile .

= = Background and composition = =

" A Little Bit " was written by Kara DioGuardi , Steve Morales and David Siegal , and was produced by Morales and Ric Wake . The song became DioGuardi 's first writing credit for an artist from her native country . Simpson 's vocals were recorded by Dan Hetzel at Sony Music Studios , New York City , and the track was mixed by Hetzel along with Richie Jones at Cove City Sound Studios , Glen Cove , New York . Keyboard programming was done by Eric Kupper . According to Simpson , " the message behind the song is for guys to listen to the girl " . " A guy needs to give a little bit more of himself , a little bit more of his time . It 's about the love going so much further , the guy would actually be selfless , " she expanded on the song 's theme . In the United States , " A Little Bit " was released as the second single from Irresistible . The song saw an airplay @-@ only release there , while in Australia , a physical single was issued on October 29 , 2001 . " A Little Bit " was used to promote Bally Total Fitness and thus , a limited CD single pressing was made available to people who joined the club . The song was also utilized for the company 's promotional advertisement campaign .

" A Little Bit " is a dance @-@ pop song , composed in a " medium pop " tempo . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Alfred Music Publishing , it is written in the key of E minor . Its beat is set in common time , and moves at a tempo of 94 beats per minute . It also has the sequence of Em ? C ? B / D ? as its chord progression . Simpson 's voice in the song spans from the note of G3 to the high note of D5 . Following the same beat @-@ oriented pattern as " Irresistible " , " A Little Bit " features piano instrumentation . Simpson sings the lyrics as rapid @-@ fire verses and with start @-@ and @-@ stop hooks . Simpson adopts breathy vocals for the song , and the lyrics talk about what she expects from her partner : " A little more time , a little less wait / A little more heart , a little less break " . She also demands healthy changes in the relationship .

= = Reception = =

" A Little Bit " garnered mostly positive reviews from music critics . Kirsten Koba of PopMatters gave a positive review , writing " with pop star sass , she belts out [...] proving that she 's a girl with attitude ? and fierce rhyming ability . " Stephen Thomas Erlewine of Allmusic wrote that the song and " Irresistible " were " double @-@ punch " on the album . Chuck Taylor of Billboard praised the song 's production , writing that it " locks [this one] inside the head long after it 's faded from the speakers . " Larry Printz of The Morning Call also gave a favorable review , writing that the song " benefit [s] " from the start @-@ and @-@ stop hooks . Yushaimi Yahya of The Malay Mail , who

was critical of the album as a whole , pointed out that Simpson sounded " decent " on the track . However , Chuck Campbell of Daily News noted Simpson 's singing as " breathless whispers " and deemed the song as being " heavily processed . " The song debuted at number sixty @-@ two on the Australian Singles Chart , on the week dated November 5 , 2001 , which became its peak position . The single fell to number ninety @-@ six the following week , and dropped out of the chart the week after .

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= = Promotion = =
= = = Music video = = =
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The music video was filmed under the direction of Hype Williams to promote the single . The dance sequence was choreographed by George Hubela (known as GEO) and the video takes place in a futuristic spaceship @-@ like setting where Simpson performs an intricate dance choreography with four male and four female dancers . She wears a rainbow @-@ colored tank top and a mini skirt in the video . At one part , the dancers perform in pairs with Simpson in front of them . Later , Simpson dances beside a male dancer while wearing sunglasses and a white top with a bedazzled American flag . In the video 's final scene , Simpson , accompanied by the same dancers from the beginning , perform choreography in a red room , and dance with futuristic pole @-@ stands .

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= = = Live performances = = =
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Simpson included the song on the set @-@ list of her DreamChaser Tour (2001) . For the performance on the tour , Simpson was accented by a white top and plaid pants , and also wore a red hat and a red tie . Her performance also made use of poles similar to the one used in music video . She also performed the song on MuchMusic Canada. and the sketch comedy show MADtv . The song was performed along with " Irresistible " , " I Wanna Love You Forever " , and " I Think I 'm in Love with You " , at the Jingle Bell Bash , organized by KBKS @-@ FM , in December 2001 . The same month , she sang the song on the 2001 Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , along with " Irresistible " , and on the Hot 107 @.@ 9 Mistletoe Meltdown . Mark Bialczak of The Post @-@ Standard wrote that Simpson " sure sounded like a diva ? especially with the bulked @-@ up tape track that accompanied her singing . "

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= = Track listing = =

AUS CD single
" A Little Bit " ? 3 : 47
" A Little Bit " ( Chris ' The Greek ' & Guido Club Mix ) ? 7 : 54
" A Little Bit " ( Chris ' The Greek ' & Guido Radio Mix ) ? 4 : 29
" Irresistible " ( Hex Hector Radio Mix ) ? 3 : 32

= = Credits and personnel = =
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Credits for " A Little Bit " are adapted from Irresistible liner notes . Credits for the remixes are adapted from " A Little Bit " CD single liner notes .

" A Little Bit " was recorded by English singer and Pop Idol runner @-@ up Rosie Ribbons , for her debut studio album Misbehaving . Her version has an " American vibe " and derives from the genres of pop and R & B. A writer for the Western Mail noted that the song contains influences of Samantha Mumba tracks . The song was released on January 13 , 2003 through Telstar Records , as the second single from the album . It reached number nineteen on the UK Singles Chart , and was also accompanied by a music video , which showed Ribbons dancing with her backup dancers . She performed the song on various televised appearances such as CD : UK and Top of the Pops . She also toured with Liberty X and promoted the song .

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= = = Release and reception = = =
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Ribbons ' version of " A Little Bit " was released as the second single from her debut album titled Misbehaving , on January 13 , 2003 , through Telstar Records . The album was recorded , but due to Telstar going bankrupt , it was never released .

A staff of Tourdates.co.uk gave a favorable review commending Ribbons 'vocal display . The reviewer added " [so] often we are bombarded with wannabes with weak vocals and insipid songs , [Rosie] shows us that there is life after pop idol and with 'a little bit 'of cred . "Music Week also gave a positive review , noting the song was "catchy ". However , lan Hyland , writing for the Sunday Mirror was critical of the song , giving it a grade of 6 out of 10 . He remarked that Ribbons "fails "at doing "sexy R 'n'B ". Similarly , Julie MacCaskill of the Daily Record dismissed it as "a lacklustre affair with the wannabe star ditching her Mariah sound- a @-@ like singing in favour of becoming a Kylie clone ". The single debuted at number nineteen on the UK Singles Chart , the week dated January 25 , 2003 . The position became its peak position . The following week , the song dropped to number thirty @-@ seven and the week after exited the top forty .

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= = = Promotion = = =
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A promotional music video for the song was filmed , which showed Ribbons wearing heavy makeup and donning a stylish costume . The first scene of the music video takes place in an elevator @-@ like set . Ribbons is shown singing in the elevator . Then , as the video progresses she is shown dancing with her backup dancers , in a set with the lyrics of the song inscribed on its walls . Then , Ribbons is shown seducing a man in the elevator . In the last scene Ribbons , along with the backup dancers , dance on a parking lot like set . The music video premiered on CD : UK on December 7 , 2002 . Dean Piper of The Mirror noted the video to be " groovy " .

" A Little Bit " was first performed on the Party in the Park event in 2002 . Later , she performed it on various televised appearances such as the British chart show Top of the Pops , Smile and CD : UK . She also appeared on Smash Hits ' chart countdown and promoted the song . In March 2003 , she toured with British pop group Liberty X .

Credits are adapted from " A Little Bit " CD single . Steve Morales ? writer
Kara DioGuardi ? writer
David Siegal ? writer
ICON ? producer
Rishi Rich ? re @-@ mixer
M * A * S * H ? re @-@ mixer

Bini & Martini ? re @-@ mixer Joanna Barnes ? rap Tanya Scarborough ? rap