" Make Your Move " is a song by Christian rock band Third Day . Written by Mac Powell and composed by Third Day , the song was released was serviced to Christian CHR radio in the United States on January 30 , 2011 , as the third single from the band 's 2010 album Move . A southern rock song , " Make You Move " features a heavy kick drum and grunge @-@ influenced chorus , while the vocals are distorted during the bridge and take on a muffled effect . Lyrically , the song depicts evangelism for the perspective of a non @-@ believer .

" Make Your Move " was met with positive critical reception , with many critics praising the song 's rock composition and regarding it as one of the best songs off of Move . It peaked at number forty @-@ three on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart and at number twelve on the Billboard Christian CHR chart , also appearing on the year @-@ end chart for the latter . It has been performed live by Third Day on the Make Your Move Tour as well as at other concerts such as Rock the Universe 2011 . ESPN picked up the song for use during the 2010 college football season , and played a portion of the song during the Alabama @-@ Penn State football game held on September 11 , 2010 .

## = = Recording and composition = =

"Make Your Move " was written by Mac Powell and composed by Third Day . It was produced and programmed by Paul Moak , while Moak also engineering the song along with Andy Hunt . " Make Your Move " was recorded at The Quarry in Kennesaw , Georgia. with additional recording conducted at The Smokestack in Nashville , Tennessee . Mixing was handled by F. Reid Shippen at Robot Lemon in Nashville , Tennessee , while mastering was handled by Chris Athens at Sterling Sound in New York City . " Make Your Move " is a southern rock song with a length of three minutes and forty @-@ five seconds . It is set in common time in the key of E minor and has a moderately fast tempo of 142 beats per minute , with a vocal range spanning from D4 @-@ E5 . The song is propelled by a heavy kick drum , also featuring a grunge @-@ influenced half time chorus and distorted vocals during the bridge ; the vocals also take on a " muffled " effect . Lyrically , " Make Your Move " depicts evangelism from the perspective of a non @-@ believer , with the non @-@ believer urging : " You got love and I got time / Won 't you make a move before I change my mind " .

## = = Reception = =

" Make Your Move " received positive critical reception upon its release . Andree Farias of Allmusic selected the song as a 'Track pick 'off of Move . Chris Carpenter of Christian Broadcasting Network regarded it as " a foot @-@ thumping rocker that will fuel any commute or long car ride ", C. E 'Jon Moore of The Christian Manifesto praised the song as " a rock solid , in @-@ your @-@ face number " . Moor also stated that the song is " a testament to Third Day ? s versatility as a Christian band. They pull no punches about their faith, but they also create music that is accessible to most people who like rock & roll " . Andrew Greer of Christianity Today commented that " [ ' Make Your Move '] uses a distorted vocal bridge and grungy half @-@ time chorus groove to depict evangelism from a non @-@ believer 's perspective ", while Glen McCarty of Crosswalk.com stated the song " is propelled by a thudding kick drum " while also regarding it as " tightly @-@ constructed ". Lindsay Williams of Gospel Music Channel commented that "Mac Powell? s smoky vocals take on a muffled effect that is both modern and vintage at the same time " . John DiBiase of Jesus Freak Hideout opined that " ' Make Your Move ' has that edgy , gutsy rock attitude that " You Make Me Mad " had on Conspiracy No. 5 " and also described the song 's bassline as " delicious " . Brian Mansfield of USA Today listed " Make Your Move " as a download pick from Move . " Make Your Move " spent ten weeks on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart, peaking at number forty @-@ three. It also peaked at number twelve on the Billboard Christian CHR chart and spent eighteen weeks on that chart . Billboard ranked " Make Your Move " at number forty @-@ three on their 2011

year @-@ end Christian CHR chart .

= = Live performances and usage in media = =

Third Day premiered " Make Your Move " live during a concert in Tualatin , Oregon several months prior to the release of Move . Since the release of Move , Third Day has performed " Make Your Move " in concert . At Rock the Universe 2011 , Third Day performed " Make Your Move " as part of their setlist . They also performed the song at a concert in Joplin , Missouri on March 20 , 2011 . Third Day later released the live recording , along with the rest of the concert , with all proceeds going toward relief for the tornado that had struck Joplin several months earlier . At a concert as part of their Make Your Move Tour in Wilkes Barre , Pennsylvania on November 6 , 2011 , Third Day opened their performance with the song .

" Make Your Move " was picked up by ESPN College Football for use during the 2010 college football season . ESPN requested that Third Day record video footage of the band performing the song , so as to use portions of the video throughout the football season ; Third Day recorded the footage on August 24 , 2010 at The Quarry . For the video , a large room was cleared out and " stadium @-@ looking " lights were set up , and a camera and lighting crew were hired to film the band . ESPN used a portion of the video during the Alabama ? Penn State game on September 11 , 2010 .

= = Personnel = =

Credits lifted from the album liner notes of the 'Deluxe Version' of Move.