

= Next to You (Chris Brown song) =

" Next to You " is a song by American recording artist Chris Brown , included as a track on his fourth studio album , F.A.M.E. , released on March 18 , 2011 . The song features Canadian singer Justin Bieber . Brown co @-@ wrote the song with its producers , The Messengers , with additional writing from Amber " Sevyn " Streeter of RichGirl . Brown first revealed plans to collaborate with Bieber in December 2010 , and the track is the first of two tracks they worked together on , the second being a remix of Bieber 's " Up . "

Musically , " Next to You " is a R & B and pop number , with lyrics pertaining to the love between two in a relationship . Most music critics positively reviewed the song , complimenting the blending of Brown and Bieber 's vocals . However a common criticism of the track was how it stood out in comparison into the more lyrically explicit music on F.A.M.E .. After the release of the album , the song appeared on the charts in the United States , Canada , and the United Kingdom . It was released for digital download on June 24 , 2011 , as the album 's fifth single .

= = Background = =

The song was written by Brown and Amber Streeter (of American R & B girl group RichGirl) with Nasri Atweh and Adam Messinger of production team The Messengers . The latter duo receive production credits on the track . In December 2010 , Brown tweeted that he would be collaborating with Bieber . The song first appeared online on March 8 , 2011 . The song was one of two collaborations between Bieber and Brown in 2011 , the other being a remix of " Up " from Bieber 's My World 2 @.@ 0 album , which was included as a track on his Never Say Never ? The Remixes set . In an interview with MTV News , Brown revealed that the duo recorded the " Up " remix first , and Brown wanted Bieber on his album after their first collaboration .

= = Composition = =

" Next to You " is a R & B and pop song . The song has lyrics about a relationship , but Eliot Glazer of MTV Buzzworthy said that the song also contained inspirational lyrics . It features " digitized " violins . According to the sheet music at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song is set in common time with a moderate tempo of 116 beats per minute . It is composed in the key of E ? major with Bieber and Brown 's vocal ranges spanning from the low @-@ note of G3 to the high @-@ note of C6 . The song features the chord progression of E ? ? B ? ? Cm ? A ? . Nadia Noir of WNOW @-@ FM said the song was a hybrid of a " dance @-@ jam " and " love @-@ song . " Furthermore , AOL Music 's Charley Rogulewski called the song a " dreamy pop love song . " The song sees Brown and Bieber trading verses and the chorus in lyrics like " I 'll be there when you 're insecure / Let you know that you 're always lovely / Girl , because you are the only thing that I got right now . "

= = Critical reception = =

Brad Wete of Entertainment Weekly coined the song as " thumping " and said that " Brown and guest Justin Bieber trade verses assuring their ladies of their dedication . " Joanne Dorken of MTV News UK said " It seems that everything Justin Bieber touches turns to gold at the moment and this cutesy ballad is no exception . " Dorken complimented how well the song showed the blending of the pair 's voices , and she commented , as " the most ' pop ' song on the LP , we are hoping Chris decides to make this a single ... a sure fire hit . " Nadia Noir of WNOW @-@ FM wrote , " What do you get when you combine two of pop 's best @-@ looking / greatest dancers , the sexy rasp of Justin Bieber , and a dance @-@ jam / love @-@ song ? A combination of all the best elements of music ! " Nick Levine of BBC Music said the track was part of Brown 's identity crisis on the album , as " Next to You " was just two tracks after the " grisly sex jam " of " Wet the Bed " featuring Ludacris . Levine called the collaboration a " wholesome @-@ as @-@ homemade @-@ chutney

hook @-@ up . " While complementing that the album had " something for everyone " , Jody Rosen of Rolling Stone called " Next to You " a " puppy @-@ love declaration . " Bri LaPelusa called the song a " dreamy ballad " and said it melted Brown and Bieber 's " angelic " voices . She went on to add that " Next to You " " might be affirmation that Chris Brown is once again an accepted celebrity . "

Concerning the lyrics , Eliot Glazer of MTV Buzzworthy said " It ain 't new , but it 's still cute . " Eric Henderson of Slant Magazine said Brown was unable to capture the " majesty of ' Forever ' " with the song , noting it was " rendered limp by the undercurrent of sincerity . " Jon Caramanica of The New York Times wrote that the song does not compliment Brown 's already weak voice , and called it " genuinely awful . " Caramanica also commented that Bieber was " apparently not worried about the stain this collaboration might leave . "

= = Chart performance = =

Due to digital sales after the release of F.A.M.E. , " Next to You " debuted on the US Billboard Hot 100 and the Canadian Hot 100 charts of the week ending April 9 , 2011 . The song debuted at number ten on the Hot Digital Songs chart in the US , and therefore consecutively appeared at number twenty @-@ six on the Hot 100 . The following week , the song fell to number ninety before falling off the chart the next week . On the Canadian Hot 100 , it debuted at number thirty @-@ six , and spent one week on the chart . In the United Kingdom , after the release of F.A.M.E. , " Next to You " appeared at number forty @-@ nine . It spent one week on the chart . After being released as a single , it appeared on the chart again and eventually peaked at number fourteen .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Next to You " was directed by Colin Tilley and filmed at the Universal Studios in Los Angeles , and upper Manhattan . On May 10 , 2011 , Bieber 's manager confirmed plans for a music video via Twitter . In an interview with MTV News , Tilley spoke briefly about the video , saying " Tomorrow , I 'm shooting New Boyz and Chris Brown ... then Justin Bieber and Chris Brown , together ... I can 't tell you anything about that yet , but it 's going to happen . It 's gonna be big . It 's gonna be big . I can 't say anything else . " On May 21 , 2011 , Brown posted two photos from the shoot via Twitter , showing him and Bieber standing among overturned cars in a path of destruction . However , the unfinished version of the music video leaked onto the internet on June 6 , and the final cut was premiered on June 17 , 2011 .

The video begins with Brown and Bieber interacting with their girlfriends while the song " All Back " by Chris Brown is playing . Bieber 's love interest is removed by her father , who reprimands , " You will never see him again . You understand that ? " Brown is thinking of his girlfriend (played by Shannon Elizabeth) before the apocalypse occurs , which is characterized by land fissures , buildings toppling down and fiery scenery . Brown searches for his love interest who is then hit by the car that Bieber 's girlfriend is in . Brown saves her by leaping over the fissure . Near the end of the video , Bieber 's girlfriend finds him on top of the roof of a building and it ends with them reuniting and kissing . Interspersed are scenes of Brown and Bieber dancing amongst the destruction . Jamie Peck of MTV wrote of the video , " The whole thing is delightfully ridiculous in its cinematic drama " . The video is currently nominated for International Artist Video of the Year at the 2012 MuchMusic Video Awards .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Vocals - Chris Brown , Justin Bieber

Songwriting ? Chris Brown , Nasri Atweh , Adam Messinger , Amber Streeter

Production ? The Messengers

Vocal production ? Kuk Harrell

Vocal recording ? Kuk Harrell , Josh Gudwin

Mixing ? Jaycen Joshua , assisted by Jesus Garncia
Source

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Next to You " featuring Justin Bieber ? 4 : 25

Digital download / radio edit

" Next to You " featuring Justin Bieber (Radio edit) ? 3 : 31

" Next to You " (Radio edit) ? 3 : 30

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =