

= Homeless ( Leona Lewis song ) =

" Homeless " is a song by British singer @-@ songwriter Leona Lewis from her debut studio album , Spirit ( 2007 ) . The song was written by Swedish songwriter Jörgen Elofsson and produced by Steve Mac . Musically , it is an R & B Power ballad , with instrumentation consisting of a piano and a guitar . The song 's lyrics revolve around Lewis singing about waiting for her boyfriend to come home to where she is waiting for him , but feels homeless without him . The song garnered mixed reviews from music critics , some of whom praised Lewis 's vocal performance but criticized its composition . Upon the release of Spirit , the song debuted at number 173 on the UK Singles Chart on the strength of digital download sales . Lewis performed " Homeless " at the annual WXKS @-@ FM Boston KISS Concert in 2008 , along with " Bleeding Love " and " Better in Time " . It was also included on the set list of The Labyrinth tour in 2010 .

= = Composition = =

" Homeless " was written by Swedish songwriter Jörgen Elofsson , and produced by Steve Mac . It is an R & B power ballad , which lasts for a duration of three minutes and 50 seconds . The song was composed on common time in the key of B minor at 68 beats per minute . Instrumentation is provided by a piano and a guitar . Lewis 's vocal range spans nearly two octaves from low note of A3 to the high note of B5 . The song 's lyrics revolve around Lewis singing about waiting for her boyfriend to come home to where she is waiting for him , but feels homeless without his presence . The opening lyrics are " Wait here for you to call me / For you to tell me that ev 'rything 's a big mistake . " Nick Levine for Digital Spy described Lewis 's vocals in the lyric " In this cold I 'm walking aimless , feeling helpless " as " a tour de force of despair and misery " .

= = Critical reception = =

The song garnered mixed reviews from music critics . Matt O 'Leary for Virgin Media complimented " Homeless " as well as " I Will Be " , and wrote that when the emphasis is laid purely on the singer 's vocals without too much " glossy production trappings " , her " uniqueness is allowed to shine . " Levine was critical of " Homeless " in general , but praised some of its compositional elements . Although he thought that the song was " almost unbearably bleak " , Levine praised the long note which Lewis sustains during the bridge , and wrote that " the 12 @-@ second ' eeeeeeyeeaaayaaaaay ' that jump @-@ starts the crescendo of ' Homeless ' is one of the most dazzling pop moments of the year . " Kitty Empire for The Guardian wrote , " Lewis ' voice is impressively elastic throughout but lacks any grit or style . It is too perfect , jumping up ladders of notes on ' Homeless ' , never catching , never breaking . " A reviewer for The Sun described " Homeless " a " string @-@ drenched , tear @-@ jerker . "

= = Live performances = =

Lewis performed " Homeless " for the first time at the annual WXKS @-@ FM Boston KISS Concert in 2008 , along with " Bleeding Love " and " Better in Time " . It was also included on the set list of her The Labyrinth tour in 2010 , and performed as the fifteenth song . The song was later included on the The Labyrinth Tour Live from The O2 DVD . The set was decorated in the style of a forest ; acrobats performed as they were hanging from the ceiling on large pieces of fabric while Lewis wore a light pink sequined dress and barefoot .

= = Track listing = =

Standard version ( 2007 )

" Homeless " ? 3 : 50

Deluxe edition ( 2008 )

" Homeless ( 2008 version ) " ? 3 : 50  
The Labyrinth Tour : Live from the O2  
" Homeless " ( Live from the O2 ) ? 4 : 09

= = Credits = =

Songwriting ? Jörgen Elofsson

Production ? Steve Mac

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Spirit , Sony BMG , J Records , Syco .

= = Charts = =

Upon the release of Spirit , " Homeless " debuted at number 173 on the strength of digital download sales in the chart issue released on 24 November 2007 .