

= The Lazy Song =

" The Lazy Song " is a song recorded by American singer @-@ songwriter Bruno Mars for his debut studio album Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans (2010) . It was serviced to contemporary hit radios in the United States on February 15 , 2011 as the album 's third single by Atlantic and Elektra . Development of " The Lazy Song " began while Bruno Mars , Philip Lawrence and Ari Levine were hanging around the studio and didn't feel like working . Mars wrote the song in collaboration with singer @-@ songwriter , K'naan and his production team The Smeezingtons , who also produced the track . Musically , " The Lazy Song " has been described as borrowing " heavily from roots reggae " , while lyrically it is an anthem to laziness .

" The Lazy Song " reached number four on the US Billboard Hot 100 , while it topped the charts in Denmark and charted on most international markets within the top five . It topped the charts in Denmark and the United Kingdom . Cameron Duddy and Mars directed the accompanying music video , in which Mars hangs out with five dancers with monkey masks while jest around in his underwear . Worldwide , it was one of the best selling digital singles of 2011 with sales of 6 @.@ 5 million copies . Mars performed " The Lazy Song " on The Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans Tour (2010 ? 12) , and occasionally on The Moonshine Jungle Tour (2013 ? 14) .

= = Development and production = =

" The Lazy Song " is one of the eleven songs composed and produced by The Smeezingtons for Mars ' debut studio album Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans . In an interview with Sound on Sound , fellow Smeezington Ari Levine explained how they came up with the song " [It] was a very tough song to write , even though it is so simple . That song began one day when we were hanging around the studio and hadn't written a song for a few days and we were kind of burnt out and didn't feel like working . We felt lazy . ' K'naan ' was in the studio with us , and the four of us suddenly came up with this idea . " He added , " After that we had a really hard time getting the groove and the drums to sit right . Once you have one piece of the puzzle , like when you realise that a drum track is good , you can add other things in after that . "

" The Lazy Song " was mixed at Larrabee Sound Studios in Hollywood by Manny Marroquin , while Christian Plata and Erik Madrid served as the assistant for mix . Ari Levine and Bruno Mars played all the instruments on the track and recorded them . Ari was also responsible for engineering the song at Levcon Studios in California . Stephen Marcussen mastered the song at Marcussen Mastering in California , while Jash Negandhi (DJ Dizzy) was responsible for the scratching on the track .

= = Composition = =

" The Lazy Song " was described as borrowing " heavily from roots reggae " and having a moderate reggae groove . According to the digital sheet music published by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song was written in the key of B major and is set in time signature of common time with a tempo of 88 beats per minute . The vocal range spans from F ? 4 to B5 . " The Lazy Song " features an acoustic guitar , scratching , and a drum track on the instrumentation , being three minutes and fifteen seconds long . Lewis Corner , reviewer of Digital Spy wrote that " Bruno pulls a sickie in this reggae @-@ pop number about , well , absolutely nothing . " and noticed the " reggae @-@ pop production " while describing Mars as a " couch potato of the daytime TV variety " due to the lyrics of the song " I 'm gonna kick my feet up then stare at the fan / Turn the TV on , throw my hand in my pants " . Jim Farber of Daily News considered the song a " hymn to sloth " . The single version of the song features whistling , which is not present on the album version . Lyrically , the song makes reference to MTV , the P90X home fitness DVDs , and the Cali Swag District song " Teach Me How to Dougie " .

= = Release = =

" The Lazy Song " was the third single to be released from Mars ' debut studio album Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans (2010) . Atlantic and Elektra released the song , initially for airplay on mainstream radio in the United States , on February 15 , 2011 . The single was released in the UK by the Warner Music Group on May 9 , 2011 , as a CD single containing both the single version and The Hooligans remix of " Grenade " . On February 18 , 2011 it was released as a digital download only in New Zealand , containing the single version of the song . On May 27 , 2011 , the CD single was then also released on Germany .

= = Critical reception = =

" The Lazy Song " has received generally favourable reviews from contemporary music critics . Eric Henderson of Slant Magazine noted that in song Mars " paints a portrait of Al Bundy as a young man " and Andy Gill of The Independent classified the song as a " laidback acoustic groove " . Tim Sendra of AllMusic said it was one of the tracks from Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans that captured the laid @-@ back groove . Scott Mervis of Pittsburgh Post @-@ Gazette described the song as a " Jason Mraz / Sugar Ray @-@ style reggae . " Sean Fennessey , reviewer of The Washington Post felt the song was written in a " quality that is both endearing and damning " . A mixed review came from Digital Spy reviewer , Lewis Corner , commented on the song being a " summery ditty more head @-@ boppable than a Churchill nodding dog , which , given his current state of mind , is probably about all he could muster " , giving it three starts out of five . From Entertainment Weekly , Leah Greenblatt considered that " other modes suit him less well ; The Lazy Song is perhaps better left to Jason Mraz " . Alexis Petridis of The Guardian , gave the song a negative review , writing that The Lazy Song " gets no further than the second verse before Mars ? nothing if not keen to keep his fans abreast of his every activity in a world of 360 @-@ degree connectivity ? announces that he 's planning on having a wank " .

= = = Accolades = = =

In 2011 , the song received a nomination at the MP3Music Awards for " The BNC Award Best / New / Act " , but lost . It also received a nomination for the " Choice Summer Song " award at the 2011 Teen Choice Awards . In 2011 , the song was nominated at the NRJ Music Awards and ASCAP Pop Music Awards for , respectively , the International Song of the Year and Most Performed Song , having won the latter . It also was nominated for 2011 Billboard Music Awards , it the category of Top Streaming Song . At the RTHK International Pop Poll Awards the song won " Top 10 Gold International Gold Songs " . The song , according to Spotify and 300 @-@ 000 users , was considered a " Hangover Cure " .

= = Chart performance = =

" The Lazy Song " spent a total of 27 weeks on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart and peaked at number 4 . It also peaked at number 3 on Billboard 's Pop Songs chart and at number 2 on the Adult Top 40 chart . The single sold over 1 million digital copies in the United States in May 2011 , becoming Mars ' fifth consecutive million @-@ selling single as a solo and featured artist combined . The song has sold 3 @-@ 262 @-@ 000 digital copies in the United States by September 2012 . Only in August 16 , 2013 the song was certified Platinum , Double @-@ Platinum and consequently Triple @-@ Platinum at the same time . The song rose to number 5 on the Canadian Hot 100 chart , having started at number 85 on March 19 , 2011 . It entered the Australian ARIA Singles Chart at number 10 on February 28 , 2011 and eventually reached number 6 . Worldwide , it was one of the best selling digital singles of 2011 with sales of 6 @-@ 5 million copies .

In New Zealand , it debuted at number eighteen on the New Zealand Singles Chart on February 28 , 2011 , and peaked at number three .

In the United Kingdom , " The Lazy Song " peaked at the top of the UK Singles Chart , becoming

Mars 's third solo chart topper , and fourth in total , in Britain , as well as his third chart @-@ topping song there in under a year following " Just the Way You Are " and " Grenade " .

The single debuted at number 18 on the Denmark and peaked at number one , the only country in which it did . In Germany it reached number 9 . " The Lazy Song " started at number 26 in the Dutch Top 40 on April 2 , 2011 , and peaked at number 4 in its eighth week on the chart . The single debuted at number 10 on the Ö3 Austria Top 40 and peaked at number 4 . In Switzerland it entered the singles chart at number 29 and climbed to number 9 . It peaked at number 11 on the French singles chart (SNEP) , and it peaked at number 10 in Italy .

= = Music video = =

= = = Development and synopsis = = =

The official video was directed by Mars and Cameron Duddy , produced by Nick Tabri and Dara Siegel , and features Poreotics wearing chimpanzee masks ; it was released on April 15 , 2011 . The whole video is presented in as a lone continuous and uninterrupted shot , it begins with Mars singing and hanging out in a bedroom with five dancers , they all wear monkey masks and Mars dresses in black sunglasses and a flannel shirt . While Mars sings what he feels to do on a day off , he and the monkeys perform dance moves typical of a boy @-@ band , fool around and mimicking the song 's lyrics . Philip Lawrence , a member of the Smeezingtons , makes an appearance , lip syncing the line , " Oh my God , this is great ! " before being driven off by the chimps ; the monkeys drop their pants when Mars sings , " I 'll just strut in my birthday suit / and let everything hang loose ! " The music video ends with Mars pouring yellow confetti all over his boxer @-@ clad pals , right before him , Poreotics and Philip Lawrence , who meanwhile reappeared , striking a pose for the camera .

An alternate video was directed by Nez , produced by Anne Johnson , and was released on May 27 , 2011 . The video features Leonard Nimoy , who " enjoys the lazy life " . During the music video Nimoy , who wears a robe and slippers all day , is seen " wandering around the neighborhood and scaring the local Ginger kids , he 's at home smoking weed and chilling out " . Besides this , one or two other famous Trek stars make a brief appearance , like William Shatner . Mars and Lawrence make a cameo in the video , walking out of the grocery store as Nimoy walks in .

= = = Reception = = =

" The Lazy Song " official video was nominated at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards for Best Choreography . It received a " Double Platinum " award for one of the most played music video on MTV channels around the world at the MTV Platinum Video Plays Awards ceremony . It was also nominated at the Myx Music Awards for " Favorite International Video " . The UK Music Video Awards also recognized the video in the category of " Best Pop Video @-@ UK " with a nomination . As of July 2016 , the music video has received over 930 million views on YouTube .

= = Live performances = =

Mars has performed the song in several shows . The song was first performed live on Kidd Kraddick , on October 19 , 2010 . On October 22 , 2010 , a " soulful " arrangement of the song was sung for a Billboard Tastemakers video session . On April 28 , 2011 he performed the song on the tenth season of American Idol . Mars also performed it at the NBA All @-@ Star Tip Off Pre @-@ Show in February 2011 . The song was also performed on NBC 's Today Show on June 24 , 2011 . On July 28 , of that year Bruno performed in the X @-@ Factor finale of France with the two finalists . On July 27 , 2011 he performed the song at KIIS FM for the program Jojoonthradio . It was the seventh song of his debut worldwide tour , The Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans Tour (2010) and was tenth on the European set list of his second worldwide tour , The Moonshine Jungle Tour (2013) .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" The Lazy Song " (Single Version) ? 3 : 08

CD single

" The Lazy Song " (Single Version) ? 3 : 08

" Grenade " (The Hooligans Remix) ? 3 : 30

= = Credits and personnel = =

Mixing and mastering

Mixed at Larrabee Sound Studios , Hollywood , California ; mastered at Marcussen Mastering , Hollywood , California ; engineered at Levcon Studios , Hollywood , California .

Personnel

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Doo @-@ Wops & Hooligans , Elektra Records

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =