

= Me , Myself and I ( Beyoncé song ) =

" Me , Myself and I " is a song recorded by American singer Beyoncé . It was written by Beyoncé , Scott Storch and Robert Waller for her debut solo album *Dangerously in Love* ( 2003 ) . The recording was produced by Storch with guitars performed by musician Aaron Fishbein . Beyoncé decided that she wanted a deeper and more personal song for the third single ; the song was sent by Columbia Records to US radio on October 19 , 2003 . " Me , Myself and I " is an R & B song about dealing with a philandering boyfriend and learning from the consequences .

" Me , Myself and I " was generally well received by music critics , who complimented the smooth and assertive vocals of Beyoncé and called it a 1980s throwback from *Dangerously in Love* . The Grammy Award @-@ nominated song earned Beyoncé , Storch and Waller an American Society of Composers , Authors , and Publishers Pop Music Award . " Me , Myself and I " peaked at number four on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart , and became Beyoncé 's fourth consecutive US top five single . It was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) . The single reached the top 20 in Australia , the UK and in some European countries .

Directed by Johan Renck , the accompanying music video follows the plot of the song 's theme and the events in the video are played in reverse . " Me , Myself and I " was part of Beyoncé 's set list on the Verizon Ladies First Tour , the *Dangerously in Love* Tour , The Beyoncé Experience , the I Am ... Tour and the Formation World Tour .

= = Background and release = =

After the release of her former group Destiny 's Child 's 2001 album *Survivor* , Beyoncé worked on her debut solo album , *Dangerously in Love* . She stated that it was more personal than her previous records because she only had to write for herself . She contacted various musical collaborators , including Storch and Waller . The musical style of " Me , Myself and I " is different from the style of her previous singles ; Beyoncé decided that she wanted a deeper and more personal song for the next single . Following the release of the song , Beyoncé told Corey Moss of MTV News , " [ ' Me , Myself and I ' ] is really powerful . It talks about women basically listening to their inner voice and knowing that they will never disappoint themselves . "

" Me , Myself and I " was the third single released from *Dangerously in Love* , which followed " Crazy in Love " and " Baby Boy " . It was sent to United States Rhythmic contemporary and Urban contemporary radio on October 19 , 2003 . A CD single was released on October 21 , 2003 in the US , which contained Junior 's dance radio mix of " Krazy in Luv " as its B @-@ side . It officially impacted U.S. Top 40 / Mainstream radio on November 12 , 2003 . On December 16 , 2003 , a 12 @-@ inch single was released in the US . The single was released in selected European countries in January 2004 , including Austria , Belgium , Ireland , the Netherlands , Sweden , and Switzerland .

" Me , Myself and I " was first released in the United Kingdom as a maxi single on January 6 , 2004 . A week later , it was released as a double CD single ; the first disc included a radio edit of the song and " *Dangerously in Love 2* " ( 2003 ) , and the second one contained two remixes of " Me , Myself and I " . In 2004 , the single was also released in the UK on a CD that included videos of live performances of " Naughty Girl " and " Work it Out " . In Canada , a CD single was released on December 30 , 2003 , featuring the album version and two remixes of the track . A CD single was released in Australia on January 16 , 2004 , which included the radio edit and three remixes of the track . The song was also released as a maxi single on January 19 , 2003 and later as a three @-@ track single in Germany .

= = Composition = =

According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Alfred Music Publishing , " Me , Myself and I " is an R & B song performed in a moderately slow manner . It is written in the key of D ? major ; the tempo is set to eighty @-@ four beats per minute , in common time . The chord follows

the E ? m9 @-@ Fm7 @-@ G ? Maj7 keys , appearing every other bar , and the song has a string arrangement . According to Ryan Schreiber of Pitchfork Media , the song 's instrumentation consists of a blending of funk keyboards , a slippery bass and minimal , programmed R & B percussion instruments .

" Me , Myself and I " is " ... replete with strong woman lyrics about holding one 's head up high after a traumatic break @-@ up . " The lyrics are constructed in the common verse @-@ chorus form , each written in two stanzas . The song includes an intro and a bridge that appears between the second and final choruses . In an interview with Corey Moss of MTV News , Beyoncé explained the lyrical content of the song :

... [ Me , Myself and I ] basically talks about a girl who the guy 's not right for her and he 's cheating and whatever . And usually women feel stupid and silly and they blame themselves ' cause you have all the signs most of the time , but you love the guy so you don 't want to see them go . And in this song , it 's kind of like a celebration of the breakup ...

According to Neil Drumming of Entertainment Weekly , " Me , Myself and I " is similar to " Say My Name " ( 2000 ) , in terms of " ... its specificity and earnestness ... " and the way Beyoncé defends " ... her chastity [ a ] gainst some greedy boy ... . " This was echoed by James Poletti of Yahoo ! Music who wrote that the song hints at what is to come as the warbling begins to move into overdrive on " ... a faintly sickly , if admirably slick , ode to that old Destiny 's Child staple ... " , independence and self @-@ belief in the face of a cheating man .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

The song received generally positive response from music critics . Mark Anthony Neal of PopMatters said : " Beyoncé sounds assured " in her singing of the song and " ... lacking any of the ' shrill overboard ' that describes some of the ' melisma fits ' ... that marked earlier vocal efforts . " Ryan Schreiber of Pitchfork Media noted the song as the " most notable 80s throwback " of the album , as its " augmented chords " call to mind Patti Austin and James Ingram 's 1983 single " Baby Come to Me " and Michael Jackson 's 1983 single " Human Nature " , or a decelerated version of " Baby Be Mine " , from Jackson 's 1982 album , Thriller . Neil Drumming of Entertainment Weekly said : Me , Myself , and I rides Storch 's signature gangsta guitar , mellowed for Beyoncé 's lovesick lament ... While reviewing Beyoncé second studio album , B 'Day in 2006 , Andy Kellman of Allmusic remarked that there are no songs with the " ... smooth elegance of ' Me , Myself and I ' " . Spence D. , writing for IGN Music considered " Me , Myself and I " as a typical sounding R & B ballad with a familiar theme , and in which Beyoncé sings with passion .

= = = Awards and nominations = = =

At the 2005 American Society of Composers , Authors , and Publishers Pop Music Awards , Beyoncé received the Songwriter of the Year award , sharing it with Storch and Waller . It was recognized as Most Performed Song in 2005 , alongside Beyoncé 's " Baby Boy " and " Naughty Girl " . Beyoncé 's live version of " Me , Myself and I " from The Beyoncé Experience Live ! gained a nomination for Best Female R & B Vocal Performance at the 2009 Grammy Awards .

= = = Chart performance = = =

" Me , Myself and I " failed to equal the chart @-@ topping performances of " Crazy in Love " and " Baby Boy " . However , like " Baby Boy " and " Naughty Girl " , " Me , Myself and I " attained more immediate and commercial success than its predecessors . After its release , the album ascended the US Billboard 200 chart and was certified as multi @-@ platinum . On November 16 , 2003 , the single debuted on the Billboard Hot 100 at number 78 , while " Baby Boy " was still at number one .

14 weeks after its debut , the single peaked at number four for two weeks , becoming the third consecutive top five release from *Dangerously in Love* and Beyoncé 's fourth consecutive top five hit . " Me , Myself and I " remained on the Billboard Hot 100 chart for 24 weeks . On January 30 , 2009 , the single was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) . By October 6 , 2010 . " Me , Myself and I " had sold 119 @, @ 000 CD copies in the US .

The single was less successful internationally , peaking below the top 10 . It reached number 11 in Australia and the UK , and the top 20 in the New Zealand and the Netherlands . It stayed in the UK Top 100 for seven weeks , and was the second shortest presence on a singles chart , after her 2009 duet with Lady Gaga on the extended remix version of " Video Phone " .

= = Music video = =

Following her first two videos with Jake Nava , Beyoncé hired Johan Renck to direct the music video for " Me , Myself and I " . While premiering the video MTV 's Total Request Live on December 10 , 2003 , Beyoncé described the video 's conception ,

When some of the behind @-@ the @-@ scenes footage was used in a BET Access Granted special , some of the scenes that Beyoncé was shown shooting did not appear in the finished video . Beyoncé said that the video did not turn out the way she wanted it to be and she had to reshoot most of it . In post @-@ production , she decided that it would be more artistic to play the events in reverse .

The footage follows the plot of the song 's theme , in which Beyoncé deals with a cheating boyfriend . From the aftermath of the affair , Beyoncé discards her old possessions that reminds her of her boyfriend . The events in the video are played in reverse . Beyoncé said that this music video was the hardest video she had ever made . Philadelphia 's Patrick DeMarco described the video as " sexy " . In 2004 , the video was nominated for Best R & B Video at the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards . In May 2010 , an alternative version of the video was released ; this does not show the events in reverse and includes some of the scenes that were not included in the first version .

= = Live performances = =

During the Verizon Ladies First Tour which also featured Alicia Keys , Missy Elliott and Tamia , Beyoncé performed " Me , Myself and I " in New York to an audience of over 20 @, @ 000 . Before singing , she told the audience that she was going to sing about " a relationship horror story " . She pulled a pair of red panties out of her purse , saying that these were not hers but belonged to her cheating boyfriend 's mistress . During the performance , Beyoncé held out the microphone for the audience 's response , which was " is all I got in the end " . She shouted that she wanted to hear everybody from front to back , and continued singing , then told the audience that she wrote the song for " each and every one of y 'all ! " .

" Me , Myself and I " was also included on the set list of Beyoncé 's *Dangerously in Love* World Tour that began in late 2003 . During the tour , Beyoncé appeared suspended from the ceiling of the arena , and was lowered onto a red lounge . The song was performed as part of Beyoncé 's *The Beyoncé Experience* in Los Angeles and her *I Am ... Tour* . On August 5 , 2007 , Beyoncé performed the song at the Madison Square Garden in Manhattan . Before the song , Beyoncé told the audience that it was very special to her and that she was going to perform a slower version . She was accompanied by her all @-@ female band . Jon Pareles of The New York Times complimented the performance , stating : " Beyoncé needs no distractions from her singing , which can be airy or brassy , tearful or vicious , rapid @-@ fire with staccato syllables or sustained in curlicued melismas . But she was in constant motion , strutting in costumes ( most of them silvery ) , from miniskirts to formal dresses , flesh @-@ toned bodysuit to bikini to negligee . " Shaheem Reid of MTV News also praised the performance , and wrote : " ... For all the dancing she did , Beyoncé got an equally big ? if not more resounding ? response for displaying her undeniable vocal ability on the ballads like " Me , Myself and I " . "

In Los Angeles , Beyoncé gave a full @-@ length performance of " Me , Myself and I " without

backup dancers and with limited live instrumentation . Beyoncé wore a green belly dancing costume . When Beyoncé performed the song in Sunrise , Florida on June 29 , 2009 , she wore a leotard . As she sang , animated graphics of turntables , faders and other club equipment were projected behind the dancers and musicians . Beyoncé was accompanied by two drummers , two keyboardists , a percussionist , a horn section , three imposing backup vocalists called the Mamas , and lead guitarist Bibi McGill . " Me , Myself and I " was included on Beyoncé 's album The Beyoncé Experience Live ( 2007 )

= = Formats and track listings = =

= = Charts and certifications = =