

= My Only Wish (This Year) =

" My Only Wish (This Year) " is a teen pop Christmas song performed by American recording artist Britney Spears . It was written by Brian Kierulf , Josh Schwartz and Spears . It was released originally in the Christmas compilation album Platinum Christmas . In it Spears asks Santa Claus to find her a lover during the holidays . The track received mixed reviews from music critics , however close to decade after release , reviewers felt the song could be considered a holiday classic . " My Only Wish (This Year) " has charted in various countries , mainly on Billboard 's Holiday Songs in 2011 and 2012 . The song also received success in South Korea , selling over 600 @,@ 000 units . On October 22 , 2013 , an audio @-@ only video of the song was uploaded on Britney Spears ' Vevo account .

= = Background and composition = =

On October 13 , 2000 , American publishing and media company Forbes reported that Spears had plans to record a song called " My Only Wish (This Year) " for a Christmas album titled Platinum Christmas . The song was included in the album , which was released on November 14 , 2000 . " My Only Wish (This Year) " was written by Brian Kierulf , Josh Schwartz and Spears and produced by Kierulf . It is a teen pop song in the key of C major over a vocal range spanning from G4 to A5 . It runs in a fast shuffle rhythm , a rhythm pattern used mainly in jazz @-@ influenced music . In the song , Spears laments her loneliness during the holidays and asks Santa Claus to bring her a lover , in lines such as " He 's all I want , just for me / Underneath my Christmas tree " . Since its release , the song has been included in more than eight Christmas music compilations , including Now That 's What I Call Christmas ! (2001) , Super Christmas Hits (2006) and Christmas Top 100 (2009) .

= = Critical reception = =

Michael Roberts of the Dallas Observer described the song as " an unobjectionable but generic retro bounce @-@ fest " . Lori Reese of Entertainment Weekly called it " festive " . In her review of Now That 's What I Call Christmas ! , Melissa Ruggieri of the Richmond Times @-@ Dispatch commented , " Thankfully , only a small portion of disc two is devoted to tween magnets including Britney Spears (' My Only Wish [This Year] ') and ' N Sync (' You Don 't Have to Be Alone [On Christmas] ') " . Gabrielle Rice of Yahoo ! called it one of Spears 's best and most remembered songs , saying , however , that it only " made the Top 10 list because the lyrics [and] fast shuffle rhythm ... are just plain cute " . A reviewer for Yahoo ! Shopping thought that Spears " turns in the most sexually charged performance of a seasonal song since Eartha Kitt 's ' Santa Baby ' " . In his review of classic Christmas songs , Sydney Morning Herald writer Richard Jinman said that this track and Mariah Carey 's 1994 single " All I Want for Christmas Is You " were " ho @-@ ho @-@ horrible singles " , and Adam Graham of The Detroit News also commented that the " sleigh bells and holiday cheer abound on this bouncy teen @-@ pop ditty ... follows in the tradition " of Carey 's single .

Sam Lansky of PopCrush included the song on his list of Top 10 Original Christmas Pop Songs , writing , " another millennial teen pop jam , Britney Spears ' ' My Only Wish (This Year) ' follows the time @-@ honored tradition of asking Santa Claus for love " , and finding it " a sweet throwback to the simpler days of [Britney] " . Allmusic editor Stephen Thomas Erlewine considered the song a " pop holiday classic . " Steve Leggett noted the song as " a nice and bright backdrop for that Christmas party or dinner " . MTV blogger Tamar Anitai praised it as " the absolute holy grail of 1990s pop Christmas songs " .

= = Chart performance = =

" My Only Wish (This Year) " appeared in the Danish Singles Chart on December 26 , 2008 , as a result of digital downloads , debuting and peaking at number 34 before dropping off the chart in the

following week . In the following year it came back at number 37 . It charted in Slovakia , on December 28 , 2009 , at number 54 . It made its first appearance on Billboard Holiday / Seasonal Digital Songs on November 27 , 2010 , peaking at number 49 as a result of digital downloads . On December 3 , 2010 , Nielsen SoundScan reported that there had so far been 162 @,@ 000 paid digital downloads of the song in the United States . On December 8 , 2011 , " My Only Wish (This Year) " debuted at number 170 on South Korea 's International Download Gaon Chart , following digital sales of 3 @,@ 671 copies . On December 17 , 2011 it sold other 13 @,@ 670 copies. On December 24 , 2011 , it peaked at number 1 , selling a total of 690 @,@ 545 digital units . On the International Comprehensive Tracks component chart , it peaked at number 34 .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting ? Brian Kierulf , Josh Schwartz , Britney Spears

Production ? Brian Kierulf

Backing vocals , lead vocals ? Britney Spears

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =