

= Better in Time =

" Better in Time " is a pop and R & B song performed by British singer Leona Lewis . It was written by J. R. Rotem and Andrea Martin , and was produced by Rotem . It is featured on Lewis 's debut album Spirit (2007) . " Better in Time " was released on 10 March 2008 as Lewis 's third single in the United Kingdom , as a double A @-@ side with " Footprints in the Sand " , and " You Bring Me Down " as B @-@ side . It was Lewis 's second international single following her hit " Bleeding Love " (2007) . Lyrically , " Better in Time " tells the story of a girl who cannot forget her ex @-@ partner , and who knows that " it will all get better in time " .

Lewis promoted the song on several live television programmes , such as Good Morning America , Live with Regis and Kelly , and on the 2008 American Music Awards , and it was included on the set list of her debut concert tour The Labyrinth (2010) . The music video was filmed by Sophie Muller at Hampton Court House School , London in February 2008 . On it , Lewis is shown performing in front of several photographic set @-@ ups , and shows what goes on behind the scenes of them . Receiving generally positive reviews by music critics , it was nominated at the Brit Awards in the category " Best British Single " . " Better in Time " reached number two in the national music charts of the United Kingdom and Germany , as well as the top ten in several countries , including Australia , Canada , Ireland , Italy and New Zealand . The single was certified gold in Australia , Denmark and Germany , and silver in the UK .

= = Composition and release = =

" Better in Time " is a pop and R & B song set in common time composed in a moderate tempo of eighty beats per minute , in the key of G flat major with a vocal range from the tone of C4 to the note of B5 . The song has a sequence of G ? Bm ? Em ? G / D ? C as its chord progression . Lyrically the song talks about someone who cannot forget her ex @-@ partner , and at the end the protagonist knows that " it will all get better in time " . Andrea Martin and J. R. Rotem wrote the song , and Rotem composed and produced it . On 29 January 2008 , Lewis announced on her website that " Better in Time " , along with " Footprints in the Sand " , would be released as a double A @-@ side single on 10 March 2010 , as her third single in the United Kingdom , with 2008 Sport Relief , a biennial charity organised by Comic Relief and BBC Sport , selecting " Footprints in the Sand " as their official single . It was also her second international single . A new remix of the song was created for the single release . The double A @-@ side was released with another song , " You Bring Me Down " , as a B @-@ side .

= = Critical reception = =

" Better in Time " received generally positive reviews from music critics . In his review of the album , Chung Ah @-@ young of The Korea Times described the single as " one of the best tracks [on the album] with impressive piano sounds harmonized with [Lewis] powerful vocals " . Alex Fletcher from Digital Spy gave a mixed review to the double A @-@ side . He called the single a " placid affair " with " its plinky @-@ plonky piano and R & B groove resting uncomfortably next to Lewis 's creamy vocal style " . The BBC 's reviewer Fraser McAlpine gave " Better in Time " three stars out of five commenting that " The tune 's quite nice , fairly hummable without ever actually going anywhere and despite the floaty , Mariah @-@ esque qualities of Leona 's vocals , it never goes completely mental in the throat @-@ breakdancing department " .

Chuck Taylor of Billboard gave a positive review , stating that the song is of " equal caliber to its predecessor [" Bleeding Love "] , with a one @-@ listen hook , elegant chug @-@ along melody , a lyric about healing and Lewis ' unquestionably emotive vocal versatility " . Sarah Rodman of The Boston Globe called it a " ' love takes time ' rumination " , and along with another song of the album (" I Will Be ") , described it as " predictable " . Sean Fennessey for Vibe noted that the track " is the best thing [on the album] , is mannered and takes nearly three minutes to get off the ground " . It ranked at number four on the " 10 Best Singles of 2008 " list by American magazine Entertainment

Weekly . " Better in Time " was nominated at the 2009 BRIT Awards in the category of Best British Single , and later the song was included on the awards ' compilation album .

= = Chart performance = =

The double A @-@ side " Better in Time " and " Footprints in the Sand " debuted at number 74 on the UK Singles Chart on 1 March 2008 ; rising 36 places , it debuted in the top 40 the following week , at number 38 . On its fourth week , the song reached its peak position at number two , selling 40 @,@ 476 copies and being beaten to the number one spot by Duffy 's " Mercy " . With this it became the third single by Lewis to reach the top five in the country . " Better in Time " and " Footprints in the Sand " was certified as silver by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) . In the Australian charts , " Better in Time " debuted at number 32 on 27 April 2008 , reaching the top ten two weeks later , her second single to achieve this feat . On 25 May 2008 the single reached its peak position , at number six , and remained within the top fifty for eighteen weeks . The song was later certified gold by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) . It debuted at number 34 on New Zealand 's RIANZ Chart on 17 March 2008 , eventually reaching number nine after five weeks , and by its seventh week had climbed to number six , thereby becoming her second consecutive top ten hit in the country . " Better in Time " and " Footprints in the Sand " debuted in the German charts on 16 June 2008 at number five . Although it fell out the top ten the following week , it managed to reach the top five in the issue ending 27 July 2010 , and rose to its peak position , at number two , in subsequent days . " Better in Time " entered the German chart on 22 February 2009 at number seventy @-@ nine , where it stayed for three weeks . It achieved a gold certification by the Bundesverband Musikindustrie (BVMI) . In Denmark " Better in Time " entered the charts at number twenty @-@ nine on 9 May 2008 , and managed to rise twenty @-@ three places in the next two weeks . On 6 June 2008 the single reached its peak position , number three . Next week , it fell out two places , but it retook its peak the following issue , and the song continued in this position for three weeks .

" Better in Time " and " Footprints in the Sand " debuted and peaked at number eight on the European Hot 100 Singles in the issue ending 29 March 2008 , becoming the highest debut of the week . Moreover , " Better in Time " was also a success in the chart , the single eventually reached number seven on the chart in the week ending 2 August 2008 . In Switzerland , the single entered at number thirteen , becoming the highest release of the week . On 27 July 2008 , its ninth week , it reached its peak position at number five , becoming Lewis 's second top five in the country . It managed to stay within the top ten for eleven weeks and it was last seen in the chart on 22 March 2009 , forty @-@ two weeks after its debut . In the week ending 26 April 2008 , " Better in Time " debuted at number sixty @-@ two on the Billboard Hot 100 , in the same week that her previous single , " Bleeding Love " , topped the chart . Next week it dropped out of the chart but later re @-@ entered the Hot 100 at number seventy @-@ five , becoming the best comeback of the week . The song reached its peak position at number eleven on its fourteenth week , where it stayed for another week . In other charts of the United States , " Better in Time " peaked at number four on the Adult Top 40 , ninety @-@ nine on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , three at the Mainstream Top 40 , and at number four on the Adult Contemporary chart , where it spent fifty @-@ two weeks on the chart . The single became the seventeenth best @-@ selling single of 2008 in Austria , as well as the twenty @-@ second in Germany and Switzerland , the thirty @-@ sixth in New Zealand , the thirty @-@ seventh in the UK , the fifty @-@ fifth of Australia , the sixty @-@ fourth in the Netherlands , and the seventy @-@ second in Flanders , a region in Belgium .

= = Music video and promotion = =

The music video was filmed at Hampton Court House School in London by the British director Sophie Muller in February 2008 , and was released at the end of the same month . The video is inspired by fashion design , with Lewis performing in front of " unrelated photographic set @-@ ups " , and shows what goes on behind the scenes . In some parts of the video Lewis is shown with a

horse .

Lewis first performed the song live on the television programme Dancing on Ice on 9 March 2008 . Lewis also performed both sides of the single on BBC One 's Sport Relief on 14 March 2008 , Good Morning America on 4 April 2008 , and on the Jimmy Kimmel Live ! show along with " Bleeding Love " . On 3 September 2008 Lewis performed the song on Live with Regis and Kelly , and on 1 October 2008 on the season finale of America 's Got Talent . The song was featured in the 90210 episode " Lucky Strike " , originally aired on 9 September 2008 . On 24 November 2008 , Lewis performed the song at the 2008 American Music Awards . In May 2010 , the song was added to the setlist of her The Labyrinth tour , performed as the fourth song of the show . " Better in Time " was included on the tour 's live album and Blu @-@ ray The Labyrinth Tour Live from The O2 , released on 29 November 2010 . In 2011 , Lewis performed a reggae version of the song at BBC Radio 1 segment Live Lounge , where she mashed up the single with " Man Down " , a song by Rihanna . It is also one of thirty @-@ eight songs included on the benefit album Songs for Japan , a compilation album released in response to the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in T?hoku , Japan) , released on 25 March 2011 . " Better in Time " was used in the American television series Pretty Little Liars , for the second season finale " unMAsked " , in the masquerade ball scene . In 2013 , Lewis performed the song along with " Man Down " during her Glassheart Tour .

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