

= Britney ( Bebo Norman song ) =

" Britney " is a song by American Christian music recording artist Bebo Norman . It was written and produced by Norman for his ninth studio album , the self @-@ titled Bebo Norman ( 2008 ) , with additional writing by Jason Ingram . The song was released on July 28 , 2008 through BEC Records as the album 's first single . The inspirational folk song , is an apology to pop singer Britney Spears for the consequences of fame and success .

" Britney " was very well received by music critics , with some calling it " sweet " and " not cynical at all , " and noticing the song 's sympathetic message to Spears . After its release , Lynne Spears praised the song and thanked Norman for writing it . " Britney " failed to chart on Billboard Hot 100 , but did manage to peak at number 28 on the Hot Christian Adult Contemporary chart .

= = Background and composition = =

" Britney " was written by Bebo Norman in the beginning of 2008 as an apology to the pop singer Britney Spears , after watching a news report about Spears on television . The song was later recorded and produced by Norman for his self @-@ titled album , with additional production by Jason Ingram and Rusty Varenkamp . When asked about the song , Norman said :

" ? Britney ? is a song about what our culture says and does to young women these days . It ? s about the lies we tell them about fame and money and what ? s beautiful and what will give them life . It ? s an apology for those lies . But more than that , it ? s an invitation to the truth about a God who is bigger than the pain this world so often leaves them in . "

" Britney " is an inspirational ballad with elements of folk music , that lasts for three minutes and thirty @-@ four seconds long . Josh Taylor of Jesus Freak Hideout compared its structure to " Hey There Delilah " by the Plain White T 's . The song was released on July 28 , 2008 as a digital single on iTunes Store , two months before the official release of Norman 's album . Despite not being a Spears fan , Norman claimed " Toxic " as one of the songs that he really liked .

= = Reception = =

Andree Farias of AllMusic highlighted " Britney " on Bebo Norman 's album , saying , " the left @-@ field stunner is " Britney " , a poignant , heartfelt ode to the teen pop superstar that also serves as a sharp analysis of culture 's make @-@ or @-@ break treatment of celebrities . " The team of New Release Tuesday , " a popular music website in the Christian community " , praised the song , with reviews saying , " [ " Britney " ] is without a doubt one of Bebo Norman 's best songs . " A review by Lancaster Online called " Britney " a " hit song " , and described it as " a compassionate look at someone damaged , but maybe not broken , by the relentless glare of the spotlight . " Kim Jones of About.com called the song an " anthem of sorts " . Deborah Evan Price of Billboard said " Britney " has " a sympathetic message to the burnished pop singer . "

Josh Taylor of Jesus Freak Hideout said , " the way in which [ Norman ] continually addresses Britney Spears just seems the least bit odd " , but commented on how pleasant the song is . A review by Idolator noticed " Britney " has " a melody that dares to be clear and pretty in ways emo bands [ ... ] don ? t usually dare , " and commented how the song 's " strongly sung " lyrics are " sweet [ and ] not cynical at all . " The Denver Post reported that after the song 's release , Spears ' mother Lynne thanked Norman for writing the song , " because it was all she wanted to say to her daughter . " On the week of September 19 , 2008 , " Britney " peaked at number twenty @-@ eight on Billboard Hot Christian Adult Contemporary chart .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Britney " - 3 : 34

= = Credits and personnel = =

Bebo Norman ? vocals , songwriting , acoustic guitar , background vocals

Mike Payne ? acoustic guitar , electric guitar

Adam Lester ? electric guitar

Jason Ingram ? keyboards , songwriting , programming , background vocals

Josh Moore ? keyboards

Tony Lucido ? bass instrument

Will Sayles and Ben Phillips ? drums

Rusty Varenkamp ? programming

Source :

= = Release history = =