

= Saturday Night (Natalia Kills song) =

" Saturday Night " is a song recorded by English singer @-@ songwriter Natalia Kills for her second studio album , Trouble (2013) . It was exclusively released to online media retailers as the album 's second single on 28 June 2013 , following the release of the promotional single " Controversy " and the album 's lead single " Problem " . Written by American record producer Jeff Bhasker and Kills , the song faces the themes of " squandered youth and disenchantment " , and talks about moving on while going through a difficult time . Musically , it is a new wave @-@ tinged , synth @-@ based song .

Upon its release , critical response to " Saturday Night " was generally positive : contemporary music critics highlighted the lyrics ' personal content and billed it as Kills ' best song to date . " Saturday Night " was able to peak at number twenty @-@ three at the singles chart of New Zealand , and reached the top 10 of the US Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs . Along with the single release , a music video directed by Guillaume Dobe was released in July 2013 . It revolves around domestic abuse , drug addiction , and Kills ' relationship with her parents .

= = Background = =

Kills revealed to Elle that the songwriting process for " Saturday Night " was difficult , as she had to confront memories and feelings . She further explained that , to her , it felt like a " confession " . This song was deemed by Kills as her life 's soundtrack : " When I was almost 14 , I left home , got a job , and thought I was going to be a big TV star . I was determined to prove myself . I kept telling myself , ' I 'm going to be fine , ' even when I wasn 't ? especially when I didn 't even believe it . The song is about carrying on , even though you feel like you can 't . It 's about feeling OK when everything is not . " She later reiterated those sentiments with website Digital Spy , and stated that it would show people what she truly was and what she had gone through over the years .

= = Composition = =

At a length of 4 minutes and 46 seconds (4 : 46) , " Saturday Night " is a mid tempo synth @-@ driven song , styled in the genres of pop and new wave , and is backed up by a " propulsive " synth line . Its instrumentation incorporates guitar twangs which are resemblant to those present in Nancy Sinatra 's catalog ; keyboards and a drumbeat . The autobiographical lyrics depict growing up in a home where domestic violence occurs , while also discussing " poignancy and lived experience " . The song 's " arena @-@ ready , fists @-@ aloft " chorus sees Kills singing " ' Cause it 's just another Saturday night " , with repetitive " whoas " .

Critics have likened it to the works of the band Fun (whom collaborated with Bhasker on their Grammy @-@ nominated album , Some Nights) , the electronic music duo The Knife , and the Canadian band Austra . Some have compared Kills ' vocal performance (and respective production) to that of American recording artist Lana Del Rey . Allison from MuchMusic noted a contrast between its " serious subject matter " with an " uptempo , 80s synth beat " , which according to the editor , creates a " visceral listening experience " . Bradley Stern from MuuMuse wrote that the song 's production was reminiscent of typical Ryan Tedder @-@ produced songs .

= = Release = =

" Saturday Night " was released on 28 June 2013 as Trouble 's official second single : clean and explicit versions were released simultaneously before they were placed under its album 's page . It was also serviced to Swedish pop radio stations . More than four months later , a remix EP for the song was released , containing two already known remixes by Gregori Klosman and Lovelife and two new remixes by Samantha Ronson vs. DK , and by Yeasayer . Another remix was produced by Betablock3r and released , but not included in the extended play .

= = Reception = =

The song received universal acclaim from critics upon release , with many deeming it as her strongest single to date . Sam Lansky from Idolator praised the song 's lyrics and classified it as the best of the singer 's career . Jacques from Arcadéy also praised the lyrics and described the song as " tight and radio @-@ friendly " . Matt Collar from Allmusic felt " Saturday Night " was one of the album 's standout tracks . On the week of 16 September 2013 , " Saturday Night " entered at number 34 on the New Zealand Singles Chart , and has since peaked at number 23 . On the week of 14 October 2013 , " Saturday Night " dropped to number 30 . It reentered at number 33 on the week of 11 November 2013 .

The song entered the US Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs at number 42 , moving to numbers 37 and 24 in the following week , and ultimately peaking at 6 . In Sweden , the top 10 of downloads listed " Saturday Night " at number 7 , having the same position at the top 10 of streams . The song has proven to be popular on Internet blogs and media outlets , peaking at the top of the popular chart at The Hype Machine .

= = Music video = =

A music video for " Saturday Night " , directed by Guillaume Dobe , was shot in May 2013 , and was released onto Kills ' Vevo official account on 10 July 2013 . Additional behind @-@ the @-@ scenes footage for the music video was released on 31 July 2013 onto YouTube .

It primarily depicts the " troubled " relationship between the singer and her parents . The singer revealed to Life + Times how she translated the message of the song into a music video : " I wanted to make a song and a video that showed how fucked up youth can be ; having no control , money or guidance . " Furthermore , she deemed the video " literal " , confirming that the actors look " just like [her] real family " and that the set designer built the set from photos of the house she grew up in . During an interview with Playboy , Kills described the shooting of the video as " exciting " and revealed that she sent out pictures of what her real parents looked like and chose the actors that would play them in the video .

The video starts with her fictional mother applying blush over a bruised eye . As the music video continues , Kills repeatedly reenters the set with her parents as their relationship starts to " spiral " . The video ends with a Christmas home movie of Kills ' family . Various suggestions of domestic abuse , illegal business , problems with the law and drug addiction are presented throughout the video . Bradley Stern from MuuMuse thought the music video was a metaphor for Kills ' personal life , commenting : " As much as she escapes the room , she always winds up walking back inside . She never really can escape her past . "

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Saturday Night " ? 4 : 46

Digital download ? Remixes EP

" Saturday Night " (Yeasayer) ? 4 : 16

" Saturday Night " (Samantha Ronson vs. DK Remix) ? 3 : 58

" Saturday Night " (Gregori Klosman) ? 4 : 51

" Saturday Night " (Lovelife Remix) ? 4 : 29

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording places

Recorded at Enormous Studios and Record Plant .

Personnel

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Trouble , Interscope Records .

= = Charts = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = Release history = =