

= First Dance (song) =

" First Dance " is a song by Canadian recording artist Justin Bieber , included as a track on his debut release , My World , released on November 17 , 2009 . Featuring his mentor , R & B singer Usher , the song was written by the two with Jesse Wilson , Ryan Lovette , Dwight Reynolds , and Alexander " Prettyboifresh " Parham , Jr . , with the latter also producing the track . " First Dance " is a R & B and teen pop song , that sees Bieber and Usher trade lines , with lyrics literally about a first dance . Most music critics were skeptical of the lyrical content presented in the song , and according to Jon Caramanica of The New York Times , the song 's melody is similar to that of Michael Jackson 's " You Are Not Alone . " After the release of My World , due to digital sales , the song charted in the lower regions of charts in the United States , Canada , and the United Kingdom .

= = Background = =

" First Dance " was written by Bieber , Usher , Jesse Wilson , Ryan Lovette , Dwight Reynolds , Alexander " Prettyboifresh " Parham , Jr . With the exception of Usher , all other contributors to the song do not have any other credits on the album . The track was one of three songs on the standard edition of the album that Bieber co -wrote . The song was recorded by Jeremy Stevens at Icon Studios in Atlanta , Georgia , and was mixed at Larrabee Studios in North Hollywood , California , by Jaycen Joshua and Dave Pensado , assisted by Giancarlo Lino . Dwight " Skrapp " Reynolds is responsible for the keyboards in the song .

" First Dance " , described to be in a moderate pace , is a R & B song with a length of three minutes and forty -two , with inclinations toward teen pop . Bieber described the song as " a slow groovy song that people can dance to " . Jon Caramanica of The New York Times said that the song echoed Michael Jackson 's " You Are Not Alone . " The song is set in the time signature of common time , and has a tempo of 100 beats per minute . It is written in the key of A minor , and vocals in the piece span from the low note of G3 to the high note of E5 , and features the chord Em7 .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

Ashante Infantry of Toronto Star complimented the song containing the album 's only feature , commenting " but good to see the business minds didn 't overwhelm the young 'un 's [sic] first recording with guests or gimmicks " . Allison Stewart of The Washington Post called the song as a " yearning ballad " . Jon Caramanica of The New York Times was skeptical of the lyrical content presented in the song , commenting , " unlike teen @-@ pop stars a whole two or three years older than he is , Mr. Bieber isn 't shy about planting the seeds of corruption " . Marc Hirsh of the Boston Globe said that the song combines the Disney route of songs comparing love to a fairytale , and unintentional comedy in the lines " ' Ain 't no chaperones . . . Girl , I promise I 'll be gentle / I know we gotta do it slowly ? in a song literally about prom . "

= = = Chart performance = = =

On the week ending December 5 , 2009 , due to digital sales after the release of My World , " First Dance " debuted on the US Billboard Hot 100 and the Canadian Hot 100 , at the positions of ninety @-@ nine and eighty @-@ eight , respectively . It dropped off both charts the following week . In both territories , it was also the lowest non @-@ previously released song from My World to appear on the charts . In the United Kingdom , after the release of My World , " First Dance " appeared at number 156 .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting ? Justin Bieber , Usher Raymond IV , Jesse Wilson , Ryan Lovette , Dwight Reynolds , Alexander " Prettyboifresh " Parhm , Jr .

Production ? Prettyboifresh

Vocal recording ? Jeremy Stevenson

Mixing ? Jaycen Joshua and Dave Pensado , assisted by Giancarlo Lino .

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