

= Unbroken ( Stan Walker song ) =

" Unbroken " is a song performed by Australian @-@ New Zealand recording artist Stan Walker . Written and produced by OneRepublic frontman Ryan Tedder , the song was released by Sony Music Australia on 12 April 2010 as the lead single from Walker 's second album , From the Inside Out . Walker felt privileged to record a song written by Tedder and complimented him , " He 's the man , one of the best songwriters and producers in the world . I am so blessed . " The piano @-@ based pop ballad received a mixed response from critics .

" Unbroken " was promoted by performances on Sunrise and Hey Hey It 's Saturday and a Matthew Chuang @-@ directed music video , filmed in Melbourne . The single peaked at number nine on the New Zealand Singles Chart and number twenty @-@ three on the ARIA Singles Chart , and lasted thirteen and seventeen weeks on the charts , respectively .

= = Background and composition = =

" Unbroken " was written and produced by OneRepublic leader Ryan Tedder , who was behind singles such as Beyoncé Knowles ' " Halo " ( 2009 ) and Leona Lewis ' " Bleeding Love " ( 2007 ) . " Unbroken " was recorded at Artisan Studios in Birmingham , England , and Phil Tan mixed the record at Soapbox Studios , Atlanta , Georgia . Walker was honoured by the opportunity to record a piece of Tedder 's work . Walker told the Daily Telegraph , " It is a privilege for me to record a song by the guy who wrote ' Halo ' for Beyoncé and ' Bleeding Love ' for Leona . He 's the man , one of the best songwriters and producers in the world . I am so blessed . " In an interview with MTV Australia he said , " The song is so amazing . When I first heard the song I was like this is a beat song and then I read the lyrics and that 's what won me over because it talks about my life , being nothing and being in pieces , but then becoming unbroken . " " Unbroken " is a piano @-@ driven pop music ballad , and features a repetitive chorus .

= = Release and reception = =

" Unbroken " was released as a one @-@ track digital download on 12 April 2010 in New Zealand , and was sent to Australian contemporary hit radio the same day . A digital extended play ( EP ) was released in several countries on 20 April 2010 ; it also contains an acoustic version of " Black Box " and an a capella version of " Unbroken " . The Compact Disc single for " Unbroken " was released in Australia on 24 April 2010 ; it features an Israel remix and the a cappella version of the song .

" Unbroken " received mixed reviews from music critics . Scott Kara of The New Zealand Herald called it " chest @-@ beating and uplifting " , while Allmusic 's Jon O 'Brien saw the song as very similar to Tedder 's previous writings . " Unbroken " debuted on the New Zealand Singles Chart at number twenty @-@ nine on 19 April 2010 . The following week it jumped to number twelve , and moved into its peak position of number nine on 31 May 2010 . " Unbroken " spent a total of thirteen weeks on the New Zealand Singles Chart , including two weeks in the top ten and nine weeks in the top twenty . On 1 August 2010 the Recording Industry Association of New Zealand ( RIANZ ) certified " Unbroken " gold , marking the sale of 7 @, @ 500 copies in New Zealand . " Unbroken " entered the Australian ARIA Singles Chart at number twenty @-@ seven , before reaching its peak of number twenty @-@ three in its fifth week . On 6 September 2010 the song fell out of the ARIA Singles Chart , having spent seventeen non @-@ consecutive weeks on the chart . " Unbroken " was certified gold by the Australian Recording Industry Association ( ARIA ) , which denotes the shipment of 35 @, @ 000 units . It also spent twenty @-@ four weeks on the ARIA Urban Singles Chart , and peaked at number three .

= = Music video and live performances = =

The music video for " Unbroken " was shot in Melbourne and Sydney , Australia on 8 April 2010 and was directed by Matthew Chuang . It features Walker singing in various locations in Melbourne

including Degrares Street and Flinders Lane . Walker said to MTV 's Clippin ' that shooting the video in public made him feel embarrassed and he found it difficult not to laugh during its filming .

The video opens with the camera rotating around Walker at an intersection as he slowly raises his head , before he is shown walking down a shop @-@ lined street . As the song begins , Walker starts singing in an empty narrow alleyway . Examples of broken people are shown , such as a girl being pushed around and teased before she plugs headphones into her ears , a man watching over a hospital patient , and individuals waiting for others to show up . Walker passes a bench of people reading newspapers with the respective headlines , " Attacked " , " War " , " When Will It End ? " and " Act of Hate " , while the final newspaper headline reads " Hope " . At the end of the video the now " unbroken " characters shot in Martin Place are shown to be content , and Walker makes his way down a darkened alley .

Walker performed " Unbroken " on Hey Hey It 's Saturday on 5 May 2010 . He also performed the song on Sunrise on 13 May 2010 .

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Track listing = =

CD single

" Unbroken " ? 4 : 34

" Unbroken " ( Israel remix ) ? 3 : 46

" Unbroken " ( Acapella ) ? 4 : 18

Digital EP

" Unbroken " ? 4 : 34

" Black Box " ( acoustic ) ? 3 : 28

" Unbroken " ( Acapella ) ? 4 : 18

= = Personnel = =

Marcus Byrne ? assistant engineering

Stuart Crichton ? vocal production

Damien Lewis ? assistant mixing

Phil Tan ? mixing

Ryan Tedder ? writing , production , engineering , programming and arrangement , piano , drum programming , backing vocals

Source :

= = Release history = =