

= Love Like This (Natasha Bedingfield song) =

" Love Like This " is a song performed by British pop singer Natasha Bedingfield . It was included on Bedingfield 's second North American album , Pocketful of Sunshine , and features vocals from reggae pop singer Sean Kingston . The song was written by Bedingfield , Kingston , Louis Biancaniello , Rico Love , Ryan Tedder , Sam Watters , and Wayne Wilkins , while production was handled by Biancaniello , Love , Tedder , and Watters under their production group , The Runawayz . Its lyrics discuss finding love with a person who has " been there all your life and has always loved you , but you 've never noticed it until now " . The official remix features vocals from rapper Lil Wayne and a slightly different beat , produced by Jim Jonsin .

The song was released in North America on 2 October 2007 to mixed reviews from critics . It was released in the United Kingdom and Ireland on 7 April 2008 . The song was a commercial success , reaching the top 20 on the majority of the charts it entered , and topped the Billboard Hot Dance Club Play chart in the United States . On 12 March 2008 , " Love Like This " was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America .

= = Background = =

In 2007 , Bedingfield began writing and recording new material for her second North American album Pocketful of Sunshine . Producer J. R. Rotem had been working with Bedingfield on the album . Rotem introduced Bedingfield to reggae pop singer / rapper Sean Kingston , who was also recording with Rotem . Bedingfield decided to work with Kingston because she " just Liked his thing " . In an interview with Digital Spy , she said that she respected rappers and seemed to " have a little thing with rappers " since she had previously worked with Estelle , Eve and Bizarre from D12 .

= = Composition = =

The song was written by Bedingfield , Kingston , Wayne Wilkins , Louis Biancaniello , Rico Love , Ryan Tedder from the band OneRepublic , and Sam Watters from the group Color Me Badd . It was also produced by Biancaniello , Love , Tedder , and Watters together in their production team , The Runawayz . The song is composed in the key of F major and set in common time . Bedingfield 's vocals span from C4 to F5 . The Auto Tune effect is heard in a few parts of the song . In the song , Bedingfield discusses finding love with a person who has always " been there all your life " , but that " you 've never noticed it until now " . According to her , it is all about realizing how that person is actually the " love of your life " .

= = Critical reception = =

" Love Like This " received mixed reviews from critics . Chuck Taylor in a review for Billboard described the song as a " jaunty , youthful track that clears home base and should propel Nat forward " , while Chris Boeckmann of Stylus Magazine called it " useless " and a " dud " . Michael Slezak of Entertainment Weekly found the song left him " feeling absolutely nothing " . Slezak was unimpressed with the pairing of Bedingfield and Kingston , writing " it 's as if two people who I 'm not entirely convinced can sing got together and recorded a heavily focus @-@ grouped song , then ran their vocals through a giant computer " .

In a review for About.com , Bill Lamb called the song " irrepressibly sunny , but forgettable " . In another review of the song , Lamb wrote that Kingston 's vocals " serve no purpose other than providing an extra element for the single 's marketing campaign " .

= = Chart performance = =

" Love Like This " was officially solicited to radio in the United States on 20 September 2007 . The song was released as a download on 2 October 2007 , and debuted at number 19 on the Billboard

Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles chart . The following week the song rose to number four , before debuting on the Hot 100 chart at number 94 . Fifteen weeks later " Love Like This " reached number 11 . The song did well on pop @-@ oriented charts , reaching number 10 on the Pop 100 chart and number 10 on the Top 40 Mainstream chart . The single had crossover success in the dance charts , where it reached number one on the Hot Dance Club Play chart and number 17 on the Hot Dance Airplay chart . The song has sold over one million digital downloads and has been certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America .

Elsewhere , " Love Like This " was largely successful , reaching number nine in Canada and number five in New Zealand . In the United Kingdom , the song debuted at number 27 on 25 March 2008 . Four weeks later , it reached number 20 and remained on the singles chart for seven weeks .

= = Music video = =

The music video was directed by Gil Green and produced by Merge @ Crossroads . Filmed in Los Angeles , California , the video features Bedingfield reuniting with a love from her past . The video begins with Bedingfield singing in a park . She then meets up with a boyfriend (played by model Josh Slack) from her past . The two then remember the good times they had together while sitting on a picnic bench . The video concludes with Bedingfield singing and dancing at a house party . Scenes of Kingston in front of an ice cream truck and at the house party are intercut throughout the video .

The video premiered on Bedingfield 's official US website on 27 October 2007 . In 2008 , the video reached number 2 on VH1 's VSpot Top 20 Countdown in the United States .

= = Formats and track listings = =

These are the formats and track listings of major single releases of " Love Like This " .

= = Personnel = =

Natasha Bedingfield ? lead vocals

Sean Kingston ? vocals

Ravaghn Brown - backing vocals

Keith Gretlein , Nate Hertweck , Matt Serrecchio - assistant engineer

Greg Ogan - vocal engineering

The Runawayz - mixing

David Kutch - mastering

Ryan Tedder -vocals , producer , composer

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =