

= Vida ( Ricky Martin song ) =

" Vida " ( English : " Life " ) is a song recorded by Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin for the One Love , One Rhythm ? The 2014 FIFA World Cup Official Album ( 2014 ) . It was written by Martin , Salaam Remi , Elijah King , Afo Verde , Roxana Amed and produced by Remi . The song was chosen in a musical contest organized by FIFA and Sony Music which King won , and it was subsequently arranged for Martin to record the track . It was digitally released as the second single from the compilation album on April 22 , 2014 . " Vida " is a Latin pop song that features guitar , ukulele , percussion , horn and " exotic sounds with a Caribbean feel " .

The song received generally positive reviews from music critics who praised the liveliness of the track and noted the consistency with other songs performed by Martin . It peaked at number five on the US Hot Latin Songs and became Martin 's 23rd top @-@ ten single on the chart . An accompanying music video , directed by Kátia Lund and Livia Gama of Bossa Nova Films , was shot in Rio de Janeiro . It features Martin singing and dancing on the beach accompanied by around 100 other people . Martin performed the song on several occasions including at the 2014 Latin Billboard Music Awards and on season eighteen of the Dancing with the Stars US series .

= = Production and release = =

In December 2013 FIFA and Sony Music Entertainment launched a worldwide music contest inviting aspiring musicians and football fans to submit original song proposals . The organizers received over 1600 compositions from musicians and fans originating from 29 countries . In February 2014 it was announced that Elijah King and his track " Vida " had won the contest ; it was chosen by Martin , a judging panel , and by public vote . The song was co @-@ written by Ricky Martin , King and Salaam Remi with additional writing from Afo Verde and Roxana Amed for the Spanish and Portuguese version of the song . It was produced by Remi under his production name Salaamremi.com. Subsequently , the song was set to be recorded by Martin himself and included on the One Love , One Rhythm ? The 2014 FIFA World Cup Official Album ( 2014 ) . The singer previously recorded and sang " La Copa de la Vida ( The Cup of Life ) " , which served as the official song of the 1998 FIFA World Cup .

Following the announcement , King traveled to Miami where he worked with Martin and Remi to finish the track . Gleyder " Gee " Disla recorded the song at the Instrument Zoo and Hit Factory Criteria in Miami and Louder than Life Labs in New York City . Enrique Larreal provided the vocal engineering and editing , while David Cabrera served as an additional vocal producer . Disla mixed " Vida " at Instrument Zoo , while Ari Blitz and Larry Ryckman served as the mastering engineers . Martin , King and Domingo Ramos sang the background vocals . Vincent Henry and Dan Warner played the guitar , the latter also provided the ukulele , Hal Riston played the horn and Robert Villahara was responsible for the percussion .

The Spanglish version of the song was released as the second official single from One Love , One Rhythm ? The 2014 FIFA World Cup Official Album . On April 22 , 2014 it was digitally launched in Austria , Germany , Switzerland the United Kingdom , and the United States . An extended play consisting of Spanish , Portuguese , and Spanglish versions together with a remix from David Cabrera Bahía was released on May 6 in France and Italy . Additionally , the EP was released in the United Kingdom and the United States among other countries on the same date . Apart of that material , the Spanish extended play release also contains the Predikator Remix , Brian Cross Extended Club Remix and Brian Cross Remix of " Vida " . On June 10 , a Bubu Borgex Remix of " Vida " was released worldwide including in Austria , Germany , Spain , United Kingdom and the United States . The Afrojack remix of the song was launched on July 1 .

= = Controversy = =

On April 25 , 2014 it was announced that Hundred Proof Club , Think Famous Productions , Akela Family and JDK Entertainment were suing Sony Music and King for fraud in the Sony and FIFA 's

SuperSong competition . The lawsuit claimed that the competition was rigged and that King , who co - wrote " Vida " was always going to win , cheating the other entrants out of their chance of winning the competition . Although the contest was open to applicants worldwide , King had a contractual agreement and Sony apparently asked King to enter the song " Vida " : Sony allegedly pressured the plaintiffs to release King from his contract so that he would be eligible to win , in return for compensation .

The lawsuit alleges that Sony induced King ' s release from his publishing contract and refused to pay compensation . The attorney Alicia Roman told The Huffington Post , " [ We ' re looking to ] annul the release due to the fraud they committed . When it ' s annulled , all of the rights to Elijah ' s songs are returned to my client , particularly the song ' Vida ' that Ricky Martin sang . " Martin has not made any comment on the lawsuit . Additionally , Luis Adrian Cortes Ramos , a finalist from the first season of Idol Puerto Rico filled a \$ 10 million lawsuit towards Martin . He sued the singer for releasing " Vida " despite claims that he submitted his version of the track as part of SuperSong contest , a version that was never recognized . Ramos ' lawyer released a statement saying " Ramos was surprised , disillusioned and suffered mental anguish because the song was almost identical to the one he composed . Until that moment , Martin was an idol for Ramos . " However , Martin ' s representative never commented on the lawsuit .

= = Composition = =

" Vida " is a Latin pop song that lasts for three minutes and twenty - five seconds . It features guitar , ukulele , percussion , guitar and " exotic sounds , with a Caribbean feel " . Carolina Moreno of The Huffington Post described the song as upbeat and energetic . Lyrically , the single is about the ability of the football tournament to bring people from different parts of the world together to celebrate and enjoy ' the good life ' .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical = = =

Melissa Redman of Renowned for Sound gave the song three and half stars out of five and wrote that " the track is everything you would expect from Ricky Martin and a single for a global sports event . " She also stated that although the song is not " groundbreaking " it is " a lively and exuberant track that people are bound to bop away to " . Redman concluded that it is better than Pitbull ' s " We Are One ( Ole Ola ) " , which serves as the official song of the tournament . Mike Wass of website Idolator wrote , " there ' s something to be said for consistency and Ricky sure knows how to knock out a summery smash with generic Spanglish lyrics that probably sound pretty inspiring after a couple of Coronas . " " Vida " received nomination for a Start - Party song at the 2014 Premios Tu Mundo held on August 21 , 2014 .

= = = Commercial = = =

Following Martin ' s performance of the song at the 2014 Latin Billboard Music Awards " Vida " entered at number four on the US Latin Digital Songs chart after selling 6000 copies in its first week . Subsequently , the single debuted at number 10 on the US Hot Latin Songs ; it became Martin ' s 23rd top 10 single on the chart . It peaked at number five on the latter chart . It was more successful on the US Latin Pop Songs chart where it peaked at number four . " Vida " debuted at number 20 on the Spanish Singles Chart . In its fourth week the single reached its peak of number five . Additionally , it peaked at number 12 in the Dominican Republic and number 16 in Mexico , a pop charts part of Monitor Latino . It was less successful in Australia and South Korea where it peaked at number 75 and 146 respectively .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Vida " was filmed in Rio de Janeiro and was directed by Kátia Lund and Livia Gama of Bossa Nova Films . According to Lund , " The lyrics and the emotion that are reflected in the video for " Vida " inspire a celebration of life , in a way that is pure and simple : the sun , coming together and the energy . " She said that the visual is about life in which differences are celebrated and appreciated easily and with happiness and claimed that was the reason Martin " just wanted it to be natural " and to differ from what he had done before with choreography , big sets and directed scenes . Martin also commented the shooting process , " It 's an incredible feeling to have had the opportunity to participate in a global initiative like SuperSong . I 'm very excited to finally be able to sing ' Vida ' and share this special song with the world . " On April 21 , Martin released a teaser from the video on his official social networks , while the full video premiered on his Vevo channel on YouTube the next day . It features the singer relaxing in shorts and a tank @-@ top while he sings on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro . The video also contains around 100 extras including kids , samba dancers , models and others intended to represent the diversity of the Brazilian nation . Wass of Idolator praised the video , writing that Martin " looks great " in it and mentioned the Brazilian scenery was " pretty awesome " .

= = Live performances = =

Martin performed " Vida " for first time at the 2014 Chinese Music Awards on April 23 , 2014 where he also sang his 2013 single " Come with Me " . He performed the song again on April 24 at the 2014 Billboard Latin Music Awards . A writer from Billboard described it as a " vibrant , colorful performance " . On April 28 , the singer performed " Vida " on a season eighteen episode of the American dance show competition Dancing with the Stars ; he was accompanied by the show 's Pro Dancers . Martin performed the single on The Ellen DeGeneres Show on May 2 while three days later , on May 5 , he performed the song on The Queen Latifah Show . He also performed the song on May 18 , at the 2014 Billboard Music Awards . On November 14 it was part of Martin 's performance at the opening ceremony of the 22nd Central American and Caribbean Games .

= = Formats and track listing = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recorded at Instrument Zoo , Hit Factory Criteria ( Miami ) ; Louder than Life Labs ( New York City ) ; Sony Music Studios ( Sydney )

Mixed at Instrument Zoo

Personnel

Credits adapted from the liner notes of One Love , One Rhythm ? The 2014 FIFA World Cup Official Album , RCA Records .

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =