

= Angels Brought Me Here =

" Angels Brought Me Here " (aka " Faith Has Brought Me Here ") is a pop song performed by Australian singer Guy Sebastian . It was released in Australia on 24 November 2003 as the lead single from his debut album Just as I Am (2003) . The song was written by Jörgen Elofsson and John Reid for Network Ten 's TV talent competition , Australian Idol 's inaugural season . Recorded versions were made for both grand finalists , Sebastian and Shannon Noll , with only Sebastian 's version officially released by BMG . On 22 November the promotional video had premiered on the same network 's Video Hits ? produced by Australian Idol 's Stephen Tate and directed by its musical director , John Foreman .

" Angels Brought Me Here " peaked at number @-@ one on the ARIA Singles Chart . It was the first of 12 top ten and six number @-@ one singles for Sebastian in Australia . " Angels Brought Me Here " ' s first week sales were at the time the highest one week 's sales on record for both an Australian artist and a debut artist . It currently still has the second highest one week sales for an Australian artist single . The song was certified as four times platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) and sold in excess of 303 @,@ 000 units . In January 2010 " Angels Brought Me Here " was announced as the highest selling single of the decade (2000 ? 2009) . Until 2011 the song held the record as the highest selling Australian artist single in Australian chart history . " Angels Brought Me Here " was also popular in New Zealand , topping the RIANZ Singles Chart and achieving platinum certification . In October 2004 , Lisa B. Bermingham published Sebastian 's official biography , Angels Brought Me Here .

= = Background = =

" Angels Brought Me Here " was performed on 9 November 2003 by the final two contestants , Guy Sebastian and Shannon Noll , during the penultimate episode of Network Ten 's TV talent competition , Australian Idol (2003) . Both contestants were recorded and had their versions pressed by BMG , ready for the winner 's version to be released immediately after the competition . Sebastian 's winning performance was watched by an Australian record audience ? for a non @-@ sporting event ? of 3 @.@ 65 million . On 19 November he did an encore performance of the song and the single was issued in Australia on 24 November by BMG .

Sebastian referred to " Angels Brought Me Here " , his winning moment on Australian Idol and his progress through the competition :

I reckon it really sums up just what I felt as far as the competition goes . It 's a very overwhelming process to go through and you really do feel that there 's something else that got you there . Especially with how I didn 't feel confident before and then something just clicked and I could look people in the eyes and really try and deliver a song .

Sebastian believes it is " a great , inspirational song " that summarises how any Australian Idol winner would have felt . Noll , however , felt that the song was too difficult for him to sing . Sebastian 's version was produced by Bryon Jones (member of Rockmelons) and Adam Reilly (who was also the programmer) . The B @-@ side , " When I Get You Alone " ? a cover version of Robin Thicke 's 2002 single ? was recorded live on Australian Idol episode " Up Close & Personal " in October 2003 . Sebastian 's second single , " All I Need Is You " , followed in February 2004 and also debuted at number @-@ one . In September , his third number @-@ one single in a row , " Out with My Baby " , was issued from his second album , Beautiful Life (2004) . He has since achieved three further number @-@ one singles in Australia , " Like It Like That " in 2009 , " Who 's That Girl " in 2010 , and " Battle Scars " in 2012 .

Lisa B. Bermingham 's official biography of Sebastian is titled , Angels Brought Me Here (October 2004) (aka Guy Sebastian : Angels Brought Me Here : The Official Biography) . In November 2010 , two versions of " Angels Brought Me Here " appeared on Sebastian 's 2 x CD compilation album , Twenty Ten : both the original and a newly recorded acoustic version . For the acoustic version , Sebastian also plays piano and is the co @-@ producer with Carl Dimataga .

= = Musical structure = =

" Angels Brought Me Here " is an R & B , pop ballad which was composed and written before the Australian Idol finalists were decided . The song 's writers are Jörgen Elofsson and John Reid ? it is also called " Faith Has Brought Me Here " . Both Sebastian 's and Noll 's recorded versions were performed with the same musical structure . The song is composed in common time . The song 's tempo is adagio , performed at 65 beats per minute . Its structure is in verse @-@ chorus form , with a bridge following after two verses . The verses are in the key of E @-@ flat minor , while the chorus changes key to F @-@ sharp major , with higher dynamics . The last chorus following the br]] . At the end of the chorus , the lead singer sings the highest note of the song , holding for four bars , while the backing vocals repeat the chorus . The last line of the chorus is performed slightly off @-@ beat , with the last notes held longer before the song ends . The vocals of the song range from C4 (middle C) to C5 .

= = Music video = =

A music video was issued in November 2003 to promote the single . The video shows Sebastian on a TV set as it is being prepared for a show . He is dressed casually in jeans and windcheater . He sits on boxes as he begins to sing with a camera crew starting to film him . An image of a young woman is shown as he continues . Various personnel walk around him and adjust the set . Sebastian stands and the image of the female is seen again , she wears white feathers . Later , Sebastian is dressed more formally in a white suit as he performs the song . On this set are plasma screens depicting the same young woman . The video ends with Sebastian in his casual gear again , sitting on the boxes . The video was produced by Australian Idol 's Stephen Tate and directed by the show 's musical director , John Foreman . On 22 November , the clip was premiered on Network Ten 's Video Hits ? which had Tate as executive producer .

= = Chart performance = =

" Angels Brought Me Here " debuted on the Australian ARIA Singles Chart on 1 December 2003 at number @-@ one , the first of 12 top ten and six number @-@ one singles that Sebastian has achieved during his career . Sebastian is the only Australian male artist in Australian chart history to achieve six number @-@ one singles , and is third overall for all Australian acts . Only Delta Goodrem and Kylie Minogue have achieved more . " Angels Brought Me Here " sold 128 @,@ 679 copies in its first week , setting an Australian record at the time for the highest first week single sales by both a debut artist and an Australian artist . It also had the second highest first week single sales from any artist , behind Elton John 's tribute to Princess Diana , " Candle in the Wind " . This record was eclipsed in late 2004 by Anthony Callea 's debut single " The Prayer " . Sebastian still has the second highest one week sales for an Australian artist single . " Angels Brought Me Here " remained at the top spot for three consecutive weeks , dropping to number three in its fourth week . The single spent a total of five weeks in the top ten and twelve weeks in the top fifty . Despite being released near the end of 2003 , its strong sales placed " Angels Brought Me Here " at number @-@ one on the End of Year Top 100 ARIA Singles Chart of 2003 .

At the ARIA Music Awards of 2004 , Sebastian earned the award for ' Highest Selling Single ' , and was also nominated for ' Highest Selling Album ' for Just as I Am . In January 2010 ARIA announced that " Angels Brought Me Here " was the highest selling single of the previous decade , with Anthony Callea 's " The Prayer " ranked second . It was certified four times platinum and sold in excess of 303 @,@ 000 copies . At the time this was the highest sales ever recorded for an Australian artist single , a record Sebastian held until 2011 . In 2011 the sales of " Angels Brought Me Here " were surpassed by Gotye 's " Somebody That I Used to Know " which has now been certified 11 x platinum . Since then several other Australian artist songs have also reached higher sales than " Angels Brought Me Here " , including Sebastian 's own song " Battle Scars " which has been certified 9 x platinum .

Sebastian reflected on his song 's popularity , " I guess its success is due to it being a well @-@ written pop ballad , coupled with the fact that it 's perfectly suited to my voice , and also my back @-@ story ... It doesn 't take a genius to realise that the show was mostly responsible for the songs enormity but still , I 'm glad I was the guy standing there at the end singing it " . In a review for Sebastian 's fifth number one single " Who 's That Girl " in 2010 The Vine 's Tim Byron said " Angels Brought Me Here " was " heavily associated with the climax of the show , and thus [has] pre @-@ packaged meanings and associations that other songs will not ... something of the joy of music , of its eternal mystery , gets leached out in the process " . Byron felt there was considerable " controversy over whether to give ARIA awards to people like Guy Sebastian " due to concerns about the artist 's credibility . Byron added " But it 's hard to argue that Guy Sebastian 's continued success , seven years later , has much to do with Australian Idol even his ' brand recognition ' will have faded by now If he is still successful , it 's more and more because of his musical talent . "

" Angels Brought Me Here " was also released in New Zealand , and debuted at number @-@ one on 1 December 2003 on the RIANZ Singles Chart , retaining the position for three weeks . It spent eleven non @-@ consecutive weeks in the top ten and twenty @-@ two weeks in the top forty and achieved platinum accreditation .

= = Notable performances and cover versions = =

In January ? February 2004 Sebastian and other Australian Idol finalists toured around Australia on the Australian Idol Concert Tour , which was promoted by Michael Chugg and Amanda Pelman . Sebastian also performed his own gigs including the Australian Gospel Music Festival in April . Sebastian appeared at the Asian MTV Awards , was a guest judge on New Zealand Idol and performed on Indonesian Idol . After a promotional trip to Malaysia in April he travelled to Europe and the US . In May Sebastian made a special guest appearance on American Idol , performing " Angels Brought Me Here " in the Top 3 verdict show . Sebastian was also a guest performer in the verdict show on Asian Idol in 2007 , performing the song as duet with 2005 Indonesian Idol winner , Mike Mohede . In 2005 , it was also performed by the fourth American Idol winner , Carrie Underwood , in the last performance show for the season . In April 2008 , on the United Kingdom TV drama series Rock Rivals , which depicts a fictional talent show set in London , the song was performed by Bethany Hopkins (portrayed by Holly Quin @-@ Ankrah) as her winner 's single . Cover versions of the song have been performed by Australian singer Hayley Legg and by French electro artist Sebastian Akchoté . In 2009 Philippine female trio , La Diva , released " Angels Brought Me Here " as a single and included two versions of the song on their debut album , La Diva . La Diva had recorded the song as the theme for South Korean TV drama series , Queen Seondeok (May ? December 2009) .

= = Track listing = =

" Angels Brought Me Here " ? 3 : 59

" When I Get You Alone " (live from Australian Idol : Up Close & Personal) ? 2 : 21

" Angels Brought Me Here " (Midnite disco mix) ? 7 : 32

" Angels Brought Me Here " (DB 's Idol edit) ? 5 : 10

" Angels Brought Me Here " (Starr mix) ? 6 : 42

= = Personnel = =

Musicians

Guy Sebastian ? lead vocals , background vocals

Peter Northgate ? guitars

Bruce Heald ? string arrangements

Production details

Producer ? Bryon Jones , Adam Reily

Programmer ? Adam Reily
Engineer ? Craig Portells at Eargasm Studios , Sydney
Mixer ? Steve MacMillan
Mastering ? Oscar Gaona at Studios 301 , Sydney

= = Charts and certifications = =