

= Reflection ( song ) =

" Reflection " is a song written and produced by Matthew Wilder and David Zippel for the soundtrack of Disney 's 1998 animated film Mulan . In the film , the song is performed by Filipina singer and actress Lea Salonga as Fa Mulan . An accompanying music video for " Reflection " was included as a bonus to the Disney Gold Classic Collection DVD release of the film in 1998 .

A single version of the song was recorded by American singer Christina Aguilera and became her debut single . She was 17 at the time it was released . The single 's commercial success funded Aguilera 's debut album from RCA , in addition to gaining her credibility amongst established writers and producers . Releases of the single were limited , which resulted in the track charting only on the Billboard Adult Contemporary chart , at number nineteen . An accompanying music video for the song was included on the DVD release of Mulan . Aguilera has performed the track on four televised performances , including at the CBS This Morning show , which saw her gain the attention of songwriter Diane Warren .

= = Use in Mulan = =

In the film Mulan , the song is performed by Filipina singer and actress Lea Salonga as Fa Mulan . " Reflection " , which lasts for 2 : 27 ( two minutes and twenty seven seconds ) , was written and produced by Matthew Wilder and David Zippel , in the key of A major . The track begins with the lyrics " Look at me , I will never pass for a perfect bride , or a perfect daughter " , with Salonga 's vocal range spanning from the low @-@ note of G ? 3 to the high @-@ note of D5 in a moderately slow tempo of 92 beats per minute . Irving Tan from Sputnikmusic labelled " Reflection " a " decent " song .

= = Christina Aguilera single release = =

Aguilera approached record label RCA , then having financial difficulties , and was told to contact Disney . After being given the opportunity to record " Reflection " , it was reported she had gained a record deal with RCA Records . After she was asked to hit a musical note required for " Reflection " , she thought that the song could be the gateway into an album deal . Aguilera spent hours recording a cover of Whitney Houston 's " Run to You " , which included the note she was asked to hit . After successfully hitting the note , which she called " the note that changed my life " , she was given the opportunity to record the song . Due to the success around the recording of " Reflection " , RCA wished for Aguilera to record and release an album by September 1998 to maintain the " hype " surrounding her at that time . The label laid the foundation for the album immediately and started presenting Aguilera with tracks for her debut album , which they later decided would have a January 1999 release .

Aguilera 's version of " Reflection " was released to adult contemporary radio on June 15 , 1998 . The song was released as a CD single in Japan on September 18 , 1999 . In 2000 , Aguilera recorded the Spanish version of " Reflection " titled " Mi Reflejo " which was adapted by Rudy Pérez for the album of the same name .

= = = Reception = = =

Beth Johnson of Entertainment Weekly noted Aguilera has a " who @-@ am @-@ I musings " persona in the song , while Stephen Thomas Erlewine of AllMusic commented that the " Matthew Wilder and David Zippel 's full @-@ fledged songs [ on Mulan ] are flat and unmemorable . " " Reflection " peaked at number 19 on the Adult Contemporary chart . After the success of the track , Aguilera 's record label RCA decided to fund her debut album ( costing over one million dollars ) , and eventually funded more than they had predicted initially .

= = = Live performances = = =

Aguilera performed the song on television four times , first on the CBS This Morning , and then on the Donny & Marie show ; neither of these performances were directed at her demographic of teen viewers . Whilst watching the show on This Morning , Aguilera gained the attention of songwriter Diane Warren , who was astonished by such a young performer being as " polished " as she was . Warren later stated that she had seen the potential in Aguilera . The singer also performed " Reflection " on MuchMusic 's Intimate and Interactive on May 17 , 2000 . An ABC special in 2000 , featuring a performance of the song , was recorded and released in a DVD titled My Reflection .

= = = Track listing = = =

CD single

" Reflection " ? 3 : 34

= = = Charts = = =

= = Other languages = =

Edyta Górniak recorded a Polish version of the song titled Lustro ( Mirror ) to promote the movie . Anabela Pires , European Portuguese singing voice of Mulan , along with the whole European Portuguese movie cast , won a prize for the best foreign version , while Yè B?i , who provided Mulan 's singing voice in the Mainland Mandarin Chinese version , was hailed as one of the " 10 best versions of the world " by Disney director of production .

= = Other versions = =

The group Mannheim Steamroller covered the song on their 1999 album , Mannheim Steamroller Meets the Mouse . Michael Crawford covered this song in The Disney Album . His rendition replaces the word " girl " with " man " in order to avoid gender confusion . Singer and American Idol winner Jordin Sparks performed the song on the Dedication Week of the sixth season of the show , with the performance she moved forward to the next round . Jackie Evancho also covered the song on her fourth studio album , Songs from the Silver Screen . In La Voz ... Argentina ( the Argentinian version of The Voice ) , the Spanish version of the song was covered by Sofia Rangone .