

= Don 't Panic (song) =

" Don 't Panic " is a song written and recorded by British alternative rock band Coldplay . Originally titled " Panic " , the earliest known version of the song existed in 1998 , performed live during the band 's first gig in the same year . It had a different melody , and was included in the band 's second EP , The Blue Room . The track was reproduced by Coldplay and British producer Ken Nelson for the band 's debut studio album , Parachutes .

Following their successful releases in 2000 , Coldplay and their record label Parlophone thought there was enough exposure of the album in the United Kingdom . Thus , the decision of releasing a fourth single would be for regions that had not been overdosed by the hit singles " Yellow " and " Trouble " . They settled on " Don 't Panic " , which at the time was an audience favorite . The single was released in some European regions , and the United Kingdom only received a promo edition . The critical reception of the song was generally positive .

= = Origins and production = =

" Don 't Panic " came into existence while Coldplay was still in its infancy . In the time , the band had written 10 songs including an early version of " Don 't Panic " , and used it in recruiting the band 's drummer . It was originally called " Panic " , and was one of six songs played at Coldplay 's first gig in 1998 at Camden 's Laurel Tree . This version has a different melody , and the lyrics are an account of a " slightly disastrous evening Chris had spent entertaining a young lady called Alice Hill " . Eventually , the title became " Don 't Panic . "

The original version of " Don 't Panic " was recorded in 1999 , different from the version featured in Parachutes . First , lead singer Chris Martin plays the piano during the bridge . As well , there is a feedback @-@ distorted introduction . This version was included in The Blue Room EP , released in October 1999 .

For Coldplay 's debut studio album Parachutes , British record producer Ken Nelson re @-@ produced " Don 't Panic " . The track was recorded live , like many other tracks featured in the album . Guitarist Jonny Buckland recorded twice his overdubbed guitars , and used parts of the two during the mixing . The band subtly used the acoustic guitar , drums and bass , and also a pump organ . The song was recorded in Rockfield Studios , Wales and Parr Street Studio , Liverpool .

" Don 't Panic " is the opening track to Parachutes . A guitar @-@ based song , it begins with a strummed electric guitar , followed with more guitar lines , then the vocals . A review claims that Coldplay 's indie rock inclination is obvious in the song . The verse melody is similar to ' Things ' by Split Enz (1979) .

= = Release and reception = =

Originally , the band planned to release " Don 't Panic " as Parachutes ' fourth single . However , it was abandoned after they deemed three singles were enough for an album . Following the successful single releases of the album in 2000 , the band thought that Parachutes had gained enough exposure in significant regions in the United Kingdom . When they decided to release a fourth single , it would be for countries yet not " overdosed " by the hit singles " Yellow " and " Trouble " . Coldplay and their record label , Parlophone , settled on " Don 't Panic " , which at the time was an audience favorite . The single was eventually released on 19 March 2001 in some European regions . The single is accompanied by the live tracks " You Only Live Twice " , a theme song for the James Bond film of the same name , and " Bigger Stronger " , a song taken from the band 's first EP release ; these live tracks were recorded during their performance at the Rockefeller Music Hall in Norway . " Don 't Panic " appeared on the UK compilation album Now That 's What I Call Music ! 48 .

Like their others songs , Coldplay has refused several offers to use " Don 't Panic " for promotional tools . In 2004 , the band rejected a multi @-@ million Euro offer from Diet Coke and Gap to use " Don 't Panic " and " Trouble " , another song featured in the album . The band asked then @-@

manager Phil Harvey to not refer them to such offers because " a discussion might lead to compromise " .

Despite this , the song has been used in many promotional tools and featured in several films and television series . In 2002 , the song was featured in the comedy @-@ drama film *Igby Goes Down* , and later appeared on the film 's soundtrack album , released on 25 February 2003 by Spun Records . Also in 2003 , the song was also featured on Coldplay 's live album *Live 2003* . In 2004 , it was on the romantic comedy film *Garden State* ; director Zach Braff handpicked songs , including " Don 't Panic " , for the film 's Grammy Award @-@ winning compilation album , *Garden State : Music From The Motion Picture* . The song was also featured on the debut episode of the FX television series *Rescue Me* as well as the pilot episode of the short @-@ lived show *Odyssey 5* . Additionally , the song was featured in episode nine of the first series on the British TV series *Sugar Rush* in 2005 . It was also referenced in the 2016 movie *The 5th Wave* as a lullaby to the main character 's little brother .

During the band 's 2003 *A Rush of Blood to the Head* Tour , " Don 't Panic " contained an entirely different introduction . In addition , Martin played the electric guitar and Buckland in harmonica solo during the bridge . He regularly threw the harmonica into the crowd after the solo . In 2001 , a dance cover version of " Don 't Panic " was released by Logo featuring Dawn Joseph .

= = = Critical reviews = = =

Upon release , critics gave the song generally positive reviews . MacKenzie Wilson , in his review from Allmusic , notes , " Coldplay 's indie rock inclinations are also obvious , especially on songs such as ' Don 't Panic ' and ' Shiver ' . " In the Pitchfork Media review , Spencer Owen writes , " This subdued , dreamy opener contains Martin 's falsetto chorus of ' We live in a beautiful world , ' which seems to sum up the overall sentiment of the record . " Robert Christgau alleged that , along with " Yellow " , the song was one of only two good ones on all of *Parachutes* . Critic Adrian Denning , in his review of the album , compliments , " Both the vocals and guitar are utterly beautiful . It 's a song to take solace from , draw comfort from , be quietly awed by . " David DeVoe of Hybridmagazine.com wrote : " It is a wonderful song that echoes the promise of what is to come on the rest of the record . ' Don ? t Panic ' is filled with excellent guitar tones and a nice grooving back beat , and I love the way the song ends . "

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Don 't Panic " was directed by Tim Hope . The video starts off with an animated diagram of the water cycle , then portrays the band as two @-@ dimensional paper cutouts doing household chores , when suddenly disaster strikes the earth in the forms of floods , volcanoes and electric shocks . Like Coldplay 's earlier music videos , " Don 't Panic " also features the yellow globe on the cover of *Parachutes* .

= = In popular culture = =

On 19 July 2011 , the song was played as a wake @-@ up call to STS @-@ 135 Space Shuttle *Atlantis* Pilot Doug Hurley as a tribute from his wife and family , marking the last ever wake @-@ up call for a crew visiting the International Space Station from the Space Shuttle fleet .

The song is nostalgically sung a cappella in the 2016 film *The 5th Wave* , while the characters are reflecting on the destruction of planet Earth and remembering how beautiful the world used to be .

In February 2016 , a cover of the song by Clarity was used in the trailer for the 2016 film *X @-@ Men : Apocalypse* , as well as the film 's TV spot for the Super Bowl 50 .

= = Track listing = =

= = Charts = =