

= Breathing (Jason Derulo song) =

" Breathing " is a song recorded by American recording artist Jason Derulo for his second studio album , Future History (2011) . It was written by Derulo , Jacob Luttrell , Lauren Christy , Julian Bunetta , Krassimir Tsvetanov Kurkchiyski , Shope Trad and Folksong Thrace , while production of the song was helmed by DJ Frank E. " Breathing " was initially released as one of four promotional singles for the album in September 2011 . It was later released to contemporary hit radio in Australia on October 24 , 2011 , and elsewhere from January 31 , 2012 , as the third single from Future History . Musically , " Breathing " is a Eurodance song that displays influences of electro and house , and features " tribal vocal chorales " in the background . It samples the song " Pilentze Pee " , which is sung by the Bulgarian State Television Female Vocal Choir . Lyrical inspiration for the song came from the death of Derulo 's cousin , who died in 2011 .

" Breathing " garnered positive reviews by many music critics , most of whom praised the production . The song attained moderate chart success , where it peaked inside the top @-@ ten on the singles charts in Australia , Austria , Bulgaria , Germany , Slovakia and Switzerland . Additionally , it reached the top @-@ thirty in France , the Netherlands , New Zealand and the United Kingdom . The song peaked at number 28 on the US Pop Songs chart . " Breathing " was certified double platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) , for shipments of 140 @,@ 000 copies . The accompanying music video was directed by Colin Tilley , and features Derulo in an abandoned warehouse , as well as other scenes of him shirtless in a blue tinted room . Derulo performed " Breathing " live at the Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland , to coincide with the 2011 MTV Europe Music Awards . The song has been covered by British recording artist Cher Lloyd .

= = Background and release = =

" Breathing " was written by Jason Derulo , Jacob Luttrell , Lauren Christy , Julian Bunetta , Krassimir Tsvetano Kurkchiyski , Shope Trad and Folksong Thrace , while production of the song was helmed by DJ Frank E. The track was mixed by Manny Marroquin at Larrabee Sound Studios in North Hollywood , Los Angeles , with assistance by Erik Madrid and Chris Galland . Luttrell and Frank E played keyboards on the song , and the drums and synth programming was handled by Frank E. During an interview with Digital Spy , Derulo revealed that the inspiration for " Breathing " came from the death of his cousin , who died in 2011 . He stated , " That song means a lot to me as it 's serious and heartfelt " . Derulo further explained that " Breathing " was heavily influenced by African chants , eurodance and rock guitar .

" Breathing " was released digitally worldwide on September 9 , 2011 , as the third promotional single for Future History . The song later impacted contemporary hit radios in Australia on October 24 , 2011 , as the third official single from the album . In the United States , " Breathing " was sent to contemporary hit radio and rhythmic contemporary radio playlists on January 31 , 2012 . In Germany , it was made available as a CD single on February 24 , 2012 . In the United Kingdom , a CD single and digital EP , which contains the album version , an instrumental version and three remixes of " Breathing " , was released on February 26 , 2012 .

= = Composition and lyrics = =

" Breathing " is three minutes and fifty @-@ four seconds long . It is a Eurodance song that displays influences of electro and house . " Breathing " is written in the key of B ? minor and is set in common time with a tempo of 120 beats per minute . Derulo 's vocal range spans from the note of F4 to the note of F6 . The song features " tribal vocal chorales " in the background , and samples the song " Pilentze Pee " , which is sung by the Bulgarian State Television Female Vocal Choir . The song contains lyrical content about winning back a past love . " Breathing " opens with a " slow build @-@ up of synths and a quick club beat " before Derulo sings : " I only miss you when I 'm breathing / I only miss you when my heart is beating / You are the color that I 'm bleeding / I only miss you when I 'm breathing . " Scott Shetler of PopCrush noted that he appears to be screaming the vocals during

the chorus line : " I only miss you when I 'm breathing " , writing that " his final note [is] stretched out for several seconds " .

= = Critical reception = =

" Breathing " received positive reviews from music critics . Robert Copsey of Digital Spy described the song as " hypnotic " and " an impressive club pumper " . He praised " Breathing " for being a perfect tribute to Derulo 's late cousin . Nicole James of MTV Buzzworthy viewed the song as a " more subtle route " than the album 's previous promotional single " Pick Up the Pieces " . She praised Derulo for knowing " how to make a dance song " and wrote that " Breathing " is the type of song you would add " to your Girls ' Night Out playlist " . Aaron @-@ Spencer Charles of Metro wrote that the song is " an anthem for the clubs " that fans of pop and dance music would love . Pete Rivas of The AU Review praised the song 's hook and likened its catchy production to the album 's other two singles " Don 't Wanna Go Home " and " It Girl " . Scott Shetler and other reviewers of PopCrush wrote that " ' Breathing ' is a song we could definitely get down to in a club " . Ben Chalk of MSN Music viewed " Breathing " as one of the standout tracks on Future History . He concluded by writing that in the song , " Derulo 's energy overshadows the kitchen sink production and inane lyrics " . Meena Rupani of DesiHits noted that " Breathing " is " more tribal " than his previous singles . Rupani also noted Derulo 's continuation of past themes , " as he tries to romance the ladies with his cheesy lyrics but also keep the guys dancing in the clubs with the beats " .

= = Chart performance = =

In Australia , " Breathing " debuted at number 36 on the ARIA Singles Chart on November 14 , 2011 . It peaked at number nine in its fifth week on the chart , becoming Derulo 's sixth top @-@ ten single in that country . " Breathing " also charted on the Australian Urban Singles Chart at number four . It was certified double platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) , denoting shipments of 140 @,@ 000 copies . " Breathing " debuted at number 37 on the New Zealand Singles Chart on December 12 , 2011 . It ascended to number 30 in its third week , but descended the chart for the following two weeks . " Breathing " managed to peak at number 28 in its sixth week . In the United States , " Breathing " peaked at number 28 on the Pop Songs chart , but failed to impact the Billboard Hot 100 .

" Breathing " achieved commercial success in Europe . It peaked at number one on the Bulgarian Airplay Chart , and number four on the Slovak Airplay Chart . In Austria , " Breathing " debuted at number 43 on February 10 , 2012 , and peaked at number eight in its fifth week on the chart . It peaked at number five on the German Singles Chart , becoming Derulo 's third top @-@ ten single in that country . The song was certified gold by The Federal Association of Music Industry (BVMI) , denoting shipments of 150 @,@ 000 copies . In Switzerland , " Breathing " debuted at number 33 on March 11 , 2012 . It descended to number 50 in its second week on the chart , but managed to peak at number seven in its seventh week . The song was certified gold by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) , denoting sales of 15 @,@ 000 copies . " Breathing " peaked at number 19 on the Irish Singles Chart and spent a total of 10 weeks in the chart . In the United Kingdom , the song debuted at number 101 on January 28 , 2012 , and ascended to number 49 the following week . It managed to peak at number 25 in its seventh week on the chart . " Breathing " also charted on the UK R & B Singles Chart at number nine .

= = Promotion = =

= = = Music video = = =

The accompanying music video for " Breathing " was directed by Colin Tilley and premiered exclusively on PopCrush.com on November 3 , 2011 . The video begins with Derulo on the balcony

of a building at night , as well as scenes of him sitting in an old chair surrounded by cobwebs inside an industrial warehouse . There are then scenes which feature Derulo standing shirtless in a dark , blue @-@ tinted room , digitally showing the insides of his body to show the intensity of his emotion . After the first chorus , Derulo then rises out of the chair and begins to dance . During the bridge , Derulo is shown kissing his former love interest , before several female backup dancers join him to perform choreography in the final chorus . Aaron @-@ Spencer Charles of Metro noted that the video had " some impressive footwork and a great ' straight jacket ' dance move with the choreographed piece with female dancers . " A reviewer for 4Music also praised Derulo 's dance routines in the video . Contessa Gayles of AOL Music described the video as " creepy " and compared it to Rihanna 's " Disturbia " (2008) video .

= = = Live performances and cover versions = = =

On November 6 , 2011 , Derulo performed " Breathing " at the Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland , to coincide with the 2011 MTV Europe Music Awards . The song was part of a set list , which also included " Whatcha Say " , " In My Head " , " Don 't Wanna Go Home " and " It Girl " . Holly Thomas of the Daily Mail praised his set , writing that " Jason Derulo gave a steamy performance " . In 2012 , British recording artist Cher Lloyd performed a cover of " Breathing " as part of the set list for her Sticks and Stones Tour .

= = Formats and track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes for Future History .

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =

= = = Promotional single = = =

= = = Single release = = =