

= Fight for You =

" Fight for You " is a song performed by American recording artist Jason Derulo , released as the fourth single from his second studio album , Future History , on December 2 , 2011 . The song was written by Derulo , Stevie Hoang , David Paich and Jeff Porcaro , while production was handled by RedOne , BeatGeek and Geo Slam . Musically , " Fight for You " is an urban @-@ pop ballad , that samples the song " Africa " (1982) by American rock band Toto . The lyrics revolve around how Derulo , the protagonist , has " got a girl in his life he isn 't ready to let go of just yet " . Hoang had originally recorded " Fight for You " for his third independent album , Unsigned (2011) with his original track featuring Iyaz .

The song 's production and Derulo 's vocal performance garnered positive reviews from music critics , however , some criticized its lack of originality . " Fight for You " attained moderate chart success , peaking at number five in Australia , and reaching the top twenty in the United Kingdom . The accompanying music video portrays a fictional relationship between Derulo and his love interest . Derulo performed the song at KDWB @-@ FM 's annual Jingle Ball in 2011 .

= = Background and release = =

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Derulo 's version of " Fight for You " was recorded and engineered by Gelly Kusuma , Slam and Teddy Sky at Serenity West Recording Studio and Jim Henson Studios in Los Angeles , California . Derulo , RedOne , Laila Khayat , Samya Khayat and Sky performed background vocals on the song . The recordings were later mixed by Trevor Muzzy . All instruments and programming were provided by RedOne , BeatGeek and Slam . In a cover story for the Daily Star , Derulo stated that " Fight for You " was the first song he worked on with RedOne , saying " I 'm glad it turned out so dope " . On working with RedOne , he said : " Red first became hot when he produced the album The Fame with Lady Gaga . He is one of the nicest guys I 've ever met RedOne was a nice , humble , down @-@ to @-@ earth , special person " .

" Fight for You " was added to mainstream radio playlists in the United Kingdom on November 9 , 2011 . A digital extended play , featuring four remixes of the song , was released in Ireland and the UK on December 2 , 2011 .

= = Composition = =

" Fight for You " is an urban @-@ pop ballad with a length of four minutes and two seconds . According to Meena Rupani of DesiHits , the song finds Derulo as the male protagonist singing " that he 's got a girl in his life he isn 't ready to let go of just yet " . The song 's hook contains a sample of the song " Africa " (1982) by American rock band Toto . Lewis Corner of Digital Spy noted that " Fight for You " features " airy synths and bouncy castle @-@ sized beats " . Scott Shelter of PopCrush described the song as a " world music flavored track " . During an interview with New ! magazine , Derulo explained the concept of " Fight for You " , saying : " It 's very relationship @-@ based and the line [" fight for you "] means so much , whatever you believe in you should go for . The song is based on a personal experience , I was in a relationship and I put myself in that place again where you would do anything to keep the relationship together so I went back to that place . "

= = Critical reception = =

" Fight for You " garnered positive reviews from music critics for its catchy production and Derulo 's vocal performance . David Griffiths of 4Music called it a " catchy little ditty " that " is guaranteed to

be stuck in your head for the rest of the day ". Shawn Kitchener of Entertainment Wise described the song as " the kind of sweet @-@ as @-@ candy R & B fodder " that could have been featured on the High School Musical soundtrack . Meena Rupani of DesiHits noted that the song 's lyrical theme is similar to " It Girl " , and that Derulo 's " vocals are enough to put any girl into a trance " . However , " Fight for You " also received unfavorable reviews from critics because of its lack of originality . Lewis Corner of Digital Spy gave the song a three out of five star rating , calling Derulo " extremely lazy " for sampling " Africa " . Caroline Sullivan of The Guardian described the song as " languid " , while writing that the sample gives it " a bit of bounce " . Although Jess Holton of The Music Network described " Fight for You " as a " touching ballad " , she added that sampling " Africa " does not do the latter " any form of justice " . In an album review of Future History , Michael Cragg of BBC Music noted that the songs " revolve around the joys of being in a relationship or the pain of not being in one " , however disapproved of the lyrical content and sample in " Fight for You " , calling it " perhaps the worst offender " on the album .

= = Commercial performance = =

After the release of Future History , " Fight for You " debuted and peaked on the US Billboard Hot 100 at number 83 on the issue dated October 15 , 2011 , and on the UK Singles Chart at number 117 on October 22 , 2011 . Upon its release as a single in the latter country , " Fight for You " managed to peak at number 15 on the UK Singles Chart , and at number four on the UK R & B Singles Chart . In Ireland , the song debuted at number 31 on December 1 , 2011 , and peaked at number 28 the following week . On the Danish Singles Chart , " Fight for You " debuted and peaked at number 27 on January 20 , 2012 . In Australia , the song debuted at number 27 on the ARIA Singles Chart on February 20 , 2012 . " Fight for You " peaked at number five in its third week , and spent a total of seven consecutive weeks inside the top @-@ ten . It was eventually certified double platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) , denoting shipments of 140 @,@ 000 copies .

= = Promotion = =

= = = Music video = = =

The video for " Fight for You " premiered online on November 25 , 2011 . It begins with Derulo walking on a bridge in a city at night , before the video cuts to scenes of Derulo and his love interest hugging and drinking alcohol , as well showing him standing alone atop a roof of a building in Manhattan . Another scene finds Derulo and his love interest sharing a shower . The video continues to show the pair spending time together , including dining in restaurants , riding the subway , and dancing on the subway platform . David Greenwald of MTV Buzzworthy called it Derulo 's " steamiest " video to date .

= = = Live performances and cover version = = =

On December 3 , 2011 , Derulo performed " Fight for You " at radio station KDWB @-@ FM 's annual Jingle Ball , which took place at the Target Center in Minneapolis , Minnesota . The song was part of a set list , which included " Whatcha Say " , " In My Head " , " Ridin ' Solo " , " Don 't Wanna Go Home " and " It Girl " . According to Jon Bream of the Star Tribune , Derulo " turned it out with sweet vocals and smooth dancing " . On May 21 , 2012 , Tega Paa performed a cover of " Fight for You " on The Voice Australia . Rosemarie Lentini of The Daily Telegraph called it a " moving rendition " , while Seanna Cronin of The Gympie Times noted that Paa 's performance " had a few pitch issues " .

= = Track listing = =

Digital EP

" Fight for You " ? 4 : 02

" Fight for You " (Suncycle Remix) ? 3 : 34

" Fight for You " (Mync Edit) ? 3 : 25

" Fight for You " (Mync Stadium Dub) ? 5 : 34

" Fight for You " (Mync Stadium Mix) ? 5 : 34

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes for Future History .

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =