

= Sale el Sol ( song ) =

" Sale el Sol " ( English : " The Sun Comes Out " ) is a song recorded by Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Shakira for her ninth studio album of the same name . The song was written and produced by the singer and her frequent collaborator Luis Fernando Ochoa and belongs to the " very rock and roll " direction of the album . Musically , " Sale el Sol " is a folk and Latin music @-@ influenced alternative rock track . Its lyrics encourage one to be optimistic during difficult times . Epic Records released " Sale el Sol " as the second single from the album on 4 January 2011 .

Critical reception towards the song was positive , with many critics praising its composition and placement as the opening track of the album . Although it appeared on only a few record charts , " Sale el Sol " performed well in Mexico and Spain , peaking at numbers one and eight on the Monitor Latino and Spanish Singles Chart , respectively . It was certified gold in both the countries . In the United States , it reached number ten on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart .

An accompanying music video for " Sale el Sol " was directed by Jaume de Laiguana , and features Shakira and her band performing the song in a snow @-@ decked forest . Spanish Cava wine producer Freixenet used the video as their Christmas season commercial . " Sale el Sol " was also included on the set list of The Sun Comes Out World Tour in 2010 and 2011 . At the Rock in Rio concert show in May 2010 , Shakira sang the song as a tribute to Argentine singer @-@ songwriter Gustavo Cerati , who had fallen into a coma earlier that month .

= = Background and composition = =

In 2010 , Shakira began work on ninth studio album Sale el Sol . The singer split the album into three musical " directions , " one of which is " very rock and roll . " Shakira , who was a rock artist at the beginning of her career but later took on a more pop @-@ influenced approach , said it had been " fun to re @-@ encounter that side of my artistic personality . " The title track is an alternative rock song , with additional influences of folk and Latin music . Written and produced by Shakira and her frequent collaborator Luis Fernando Ochoa , " Sale el Sol " is a call for " optimism through difficult times . " The words " Sale el Sol " are Spanish for " The Sun Comes Out , " and Shakira explained why she chose the motif of the rise of the sun , saying :

" I was a little bit down at the end of last year , but as soon as this year started , the sun started shining for me . I find myself smiling more often , I feel more free and liberated . You go through difficult moments , everybody does , but there 's always the sun inside of us that never extinguishes , and it has come out for me . And , hopefully , it will be a long day in the sun . "

= = Release and reception = =

= = = Commercial performance = = =

" Sale el Sol " was globally released as the second single from the album on 4 January 2011 . The song was made available for digitally downloading on the iTunes Store on the same day . It was a moderate commercial success , performing well in Latin American countries . It reached number one on the Monitor Latino airplay chart in Mexico . The Asociación Mexicana de Productores de Fonogramas y Videogramas ( AMPROFON ) certified " Sale el Sol " gold for shipping 30 @,@ 000 units in the country . It debuted and peaked at number eight on the Spanish Singles Chart and charted for a total of 23 weeks . The Productores de Música de España ( PROMUSICAE ) too certified " Sale el Sol " gold for achieving sales of 20 @,@ 000 units in Spain .

In the United States , " Sale el Sol " was a hit on the Latin Billboard charts . The song peaked at number ten on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart and appeared on it for 38 weeks in total . It was more successful on the airplay chart , peaking at number two on the Latin Pop Airplay chart .

= = = Critical response = = =

" Sale el Sol " received positive reviews from critics . Stephen Thomas Erlewine from AllMusic highlighted its rock influences and deemed it " anthemic . " Billboard commended its lyrics , calling them " evocative and hopeful " and found it emotionally appealing , saying " Wistful and beautiful , it highlights a more pared @-@ down Shakira . " Jesus Yanez @-@ Reyes from Northern Arizona News complimented Shakira 's vocal delivery and songwriting , and felt the combination of rock and Latin music in the song made it " reminiscent " of Shakira 's earlier work . Reyes also praised its placement as the opening track of the album and commented : " Undoubtedly , this song starts the album off on the right track , with only higher expectations to come . " The instrumentation of the song reminded Carlos Macias from Terra Music of Shakira 's work in her sixth studio album Fijación Oral , Vol . 1 ( 2005 ) and called it a " good welcome " to the album .

At the Premio Lo Nuestro awards ceremony in 2012 , " Sale el Sol " was nominated for " Canción Pop del Año " ( " Pop Song of the Year " ) , but lost to another song by Shakira , " Rabiosa " .

= = Promotion = =

= = = Music video = = =

The accompanying music video for " Sale el Sol " was directed by Shakira 's frequent collaborator Jaume de Laiguana . Parts of the video also served as a Christmas season commercial for Spanish Cava wine producer Freixenet , who donated an estimated amount of 500 @,@ 000 euros to Shakira 's charity Barefoot Foundation . The singer 's official website announced the music video on 9 February 2011 . It was made available to digitally download from the iTunes Store a day earlier .

It begins with the title of the song being shown on a black background , with a bright sun @-@ like circle in place of the letter " o " . Dressed in an entirely black attire , Shakira then appears singing the song with a mic stand in a snowy forest setting . She is backed by a four @-@ piece band of musicians , who are also wearing black costumes . As the first chorus of the song ends , it start to snow . In a maze @-@ like structure , Shakira is shown running in a large golden frock , trying to find her way . Changing back to the forest setting , the camera pans upward to reveal that the maze is built behind the wall in front of which Shakira and her band are performing . The song 's bridge co @-@ indices with the occurrence of a storm and culminates with Shakira tearing her top open , after which the sun rises and the intensity of the lighting increases . The video ends with Shakira opening a door that leads her out of the maze . Scenes from Laiguana 's short documentary film Hagamos Que Salga el Sol ( Let the Sun Rise ) , which was filmed in Colombia , are interspersed in the video .

Robbie Daw from Idolator called the music video " sunny " and commented : " What more do you want from a Shakira video than the sizzling hot singer in a beautiful frock , wandering through a long maze while making her way out of the cold and into the sun @-@ drenched scenery . "

= = = Live performances = = =

" Sale el Sol " was included as the thirteenth song on the set list of Shakira 's The Sun Comes Out World Tour ( 2010 ? 11 ) . In May 2010 , Shakira sang the song at the Rock in Rio concert show in Madrid , Spain , as a tribute to Argentine singer @-@ songwriter Gustavo Cerati , her frequent @-@ collaborator and close friend who had suffered a stroke earlier in the month and had fallen into a coma .

= = Formats and track listing = =

Digital download

" Sale el Sol " - 3 : 20

= = Charts and certifications = =