

= I Need a Girl (Trey Songz song) =

" I Need a Girl " is a song by American recording artist Trey Songz . The track was written by Johntá Austin , along with the song 's production team , Stargate , who also produced his breakthrough hit , " Can 't Help But Wait . " The song served as the lead single for Songz 's third studio album Ready . " I Need a Girl " received positive to mixed reviews from critics , some of which noted it as generic , and other naming it as a top track from the album . It reached fifty @-@ nine on the Billboard Hot 100 and six on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . The accompanying music video shot in Malibu features Songz and love interests on the beach , as they turn out to be mirages .

= = Background = =

The official remix features Teyana Taylor and rapper Fabolous , and was released by Songz via Twitter during his " Music Monday " series preceding the album . The second features Mase who jumped on dual remixes for the song and Drake 's " Best I Ever Had . " In an interview with New York 's Power 105 @. @ 1 , he said that the death of Michael Jackson inspired his latest comeback , stating , " Mike passed away and it just lit the fire in me ? it made me go in the studio and do something . I ? m excited . "

" I Need A Girl " was also featured in a 2009 episode of Lincoln Heights in which Trey Songz appears as a guest star .

= = Composition = =

" I Need A Girl " is a mid @-@ tempo R & B ballad , featuring guitar riffs . According to Mark Edward Nero of About.com , the song contains familiar qualities of Songz 's breakout hit " Can 't Help But Wait " , also produced by Stargate . The song is lyrically about finding and pleasing the right woman , through lines such as , " I don 't even know your name , but I know that I 'm your man and you are my girl , if I ever meet you I 'm gonna give you the world , Baby please believe me when I tell you that I need a girl . " The song has been described to be a mix of Usher and Justin Timberlake , and has been compared to Chris Brown 's " With You . "

= = Critical reception = =

Mark Edward Nero of About.com said that the song was " sappy " and " cliché " , trying to replicate the success of " Can 't Help But Wait " , but " doesn 't come close . " Nero also commented that the song sounded insincere compared with the rawly sexual songs on the album . Ajitpaul Mangat of Tiny Mix Tapes noted the song as some of the album 's generic work , stating , " with its run @-@ of @-@ the @-@ mill lyrics about longing hearts , it sounds like the work of any middling R & B singer . " Tyler Lewis of PopMatters said " I Need A Girl " was among the album 's best songs , that it and " Neighbors Know My Name " , " thump as they should . " David Jeffries of Allmusic noted the song as a standout track from Ready . Glenn Gamboa of Newsday said that on the track , Songz " displays a more flexible delivery than usual . " DJBooth said , " Traditional R & B depends on three things : vocals , writing , and production . In a nutshell , I Need A Girl has the whole trifecta , and should be just what Trey needs to get Ready a solid release date . " Reviewing the remix of the song featuring Teyana Taylor and Fabolous , DJBooth said , " Expect the combo of Taylor ? s cooed vocals and Trey and Loso ? s time @-@ tested musical chemistry to leave listeners more amped than ever before for the release of Songz ? [sic] latest LP ? after waiting this long , I think it ? s safe to say they ? re more than Ready . "

= = Chart performance = =

On the week labeled May 30 , 2009 , " I Need a Girl " debuted at 100 on the Billboard Hot 100 .

Several weeks later on the week of September 19 , 2009 , it peaked at fifty @-@ nine on the chart , where it stayed for one week , spending a total of sixteen weeks on the chart . After a total of eight weeks on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart , on the week labeled July 4 , 2009 , " I Need A Girl " peaked at six on it .

= = Music video = =

The music video was directed by Benny Boom , and filmed in Malibu , California during the weekend of April 4 , 2009 . Stills from the video shoot were released on April 8 , 2009 . The music video was released on May 1 , 2009 . In the video , Songz sees several women along the beach , and plays volleyball with them , walks along the coastline , relaxes on a parked motorcycle , and other things , however in each instance they disappear and turn out to be illusions . In a review AOL Boombox recommended the video as one to watch , commenting , " The crooner admits that it gets ' lonely in this business , ' which is why he needs a companion aka a ' homey ' and he won 't rest ' til he finds the one for him . "

= = Live performances = =

Songz performed the song on September 2 , 2009 and on 106 & Park as a part of a medley with " Successful " and " LOL Smiley Face " , and on September 9 , 2009 on The Wendy Williams Show .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting - Johntá Austin , Tor Erik Hermansen , Mikkel Eriksen , Espen Lind , Amund Bjorklund

Production - Tor Erik Hermansen , Mikkel Eriksen , Espen Lind , Amund Bjorklund

Recording - Mikkel Eriksen

Vocal recording - Troy Taylor

Guitar - Espen Lind

All other instruments - Tor Erik Hermansen , Mikkel Eriksen

Mixing - Phil Tan , assisted by Josh Houghkirk

Source

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =