

= Born to Make You Happy =

" Born to Make You Happy " is a song recorded by American singer Britney Spears for her debut studio album , ... Baby One More Time (1999) . It was released on December 6 , 1999 , by JIVE Records , as the fourth single from the album . Before recording the song , Spears had to ask the writers of the song , Andreas Carlsson and Kristian Lundin , to re @-@ write it , since it was a sexual song . The singer first recorded her vocals in March 1998 , and re @-@ recorded them later on the same year . The dance @-@ pop and teen pop song alludes to a relationship that a woman desires to correct , not quite understanding what went wrong , as she comes to realize that she was " born to make [her lover] happy " .

" Born to Make You Happy " received mixed reviews from critics , who praised it for being an early classic and a proficient single , despite considering the song as entirely unremarkable like other ballads on the album . The song was commercially successful worldwide , peaking at number one in Ireland , and reaching top five positions in Belgium , Europe , Finland , Germany , Netherlands , Norway , Sweden and Switzerland . In the United Kingdom , it also peaked at number one , and is Spears ' sixth best @-@ selling single in the country . An accompanying music video was directed by Billie Woodruff , and portrays Spears dreaming that she is with her lover , while she sings and dances during the majority of the video . Spears has performed " Born to Make You Happy " on four concert tours .

= = Background = =

Before recording her debut album , Spears had originally envisioned it in style of " Sheryl Crow music , but younger [and] more adult contemporary " . However , the singer agreed with her label 's appointment of producers , who had the objective to reach a teen public at the time . She flew to Cheiron Studios in Stockholm , Sweden , where half of the album was recorded from March to April 1998 , with producers Max Martin , Denniz Pop and Rami Yacoub , among others . " Born to Make You Happy " was written and produced by Kristian Lundin , and co @-@ written by Andreas Carlsson , and was the first work by the duo . Spears originally recorded the vocals for the song in March 1998 , at Battery Studios in New York City , New York . They were later re @-@ recorded in April 1998 at Cheiron Studios , and used on the album version , while the original vocals were used on the " Bonus Remix " of the song . It was also mixed at Cheiron Studios by Max Martin . Esbjörn Öhrwall played the guitar , while keyboards and programming was done by Lundin . Background vocals were provided by Carlsson and Nana Hedin . " Born to Make You Happy " was released as the fourth single from ... Baby One More Time on December 6 , 1999 .

= = Composition = =

" Born to Make You Happy " is a teen pop and dance @-@ pop song that lasts for four minutes and three seconds . The song is composed in the key of B minor and is set in time signature of common time , with a moderately slow tempo of 88 beats per minute . Spears vocal range spans over an octave , from F ? 3 to B4 . The song 's lyrics are about a relationship that a woman desires to correct , not quite understanding what went wrong , as she comes to realize that " I don 't know how to live without your love / I was born to make you happy " . The song has a basic sequence of Bm ? G ? D ? A as its chord progression .

David Gauntlett , author of Media , gender , and identity : an introduction (2002) , noted that , despite wanting her lover next to her in the song , Spears ' " fans see her as assertive , strong and confident , and an example that young women can make it on their own " . The singer revealed in an interview with Rolling Stone , the writers had to re @-@ write the original lyrics of the song . " I asked them to change the words to ' Born to Make You Happy . ' It was a sexual song , " she revealed . " I said , ' This may be a little old for me . ' Because of the image thing , I don 't want to go over the top . If I come out being Miss Prima Donna , that wouldn 't be smart . I want to have a place to grow " .

= = Critical response = =

" Born to Make You Happy " received mixed reviews from music critics . Kyle Anderson of MTV considered the song 's chorus more than " a little bit off @-@ putting , " saying the first lines of it " could be a sentiment that a lovelorn 16 @-@ year @-@ old can understand , but it also sounds like Spears is in training to be a geisha . " Craig MacInnis of Hamilton Spectator said " [" Born to Make You Happy "] verge on the sort of boy @-@ worshipping dreck that even Tiffany would have sniffed at . " Mike Ross of Edmond Sun said , as Spears emotes in the song , " the message behind the music is worse than mere sweet nothings . [...] So much for Girl Power . " Amanda Murray of Sputnikmusic considered " Born to Make You Happy " a " proficient but entirely unrememberable song , " while Andy Petch @-@ Jex of musicOMH considered the song an " early classic . "

= = Commercial performance = =

On January 29 , 2000 , " Born to Make You Happy " debuted at number one on the UK Singles Chart . The song shipped over 200 @,@ 000 copies in the United Kingdom , earning a silver certification by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) . " Born to Make You Happy " has sold over 325 @,@ 000 copies in the United Kingdom , according to The Official Charts Company . It is her sixth best @-@ selling single in the country . In Ireland , the song also entered the Irish Singles Chart at number one on January 20 , 2000 , while peaking at number two on the European chart . In Sweden , " Born to Make You Happy " debuted at number four on December 23 , 1999 , peaking at number two in the following week . The song has shipped over 30 @,@ 000 copies in the country , earning a platinum certification by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI) . In Germany , the song earned a gold certification by The Federal Association of Music Industry (BMVI) , after peaking at number three on the charts . In France , " Born to Make You Happy " reached number nine , and was certified Silver by the Syndicat National de l'Édition Phonographique (SNEP) .

= = Music video = =

JIVE Records commissioned a music video for the song to be directed by Billie Woodruff . It was produced under Geneva Films , while the choreography was created by Wade Robson . The narrative of the video shows Spears dreaming as she sleeps in her room . As the dream begins , Spears is shown in a blue and silver futuristic room with several different levels , where she sings and walks around , and puts her feet on the wall while wearing a shiny silver outfit . MTV news reporter Ellen Thompson considered it the sexiest moment of the music video . As the video continues , Spears is seen on top of the apartment building she lives in , performing a dance segment in a red top and black skirt with a few backup dancers . The following scenes shows the singer wearing white clothes and singing in the room in which she is sleeping , while her love interest comes into her room to see her . Together , they start a pillow fight that shortly ends after Spears is shown again in her room still sleeping , however , now with a smile upon her face . A longer dance segment intercalates with all the scenes during the whole video .

= = Live performances = =

" Born to Make You Happy " has been performed by Spears on four tours . On her first tour , ... Baby One More Time Tour , she sang the song seated on a staircase , while on her second tour , Crazy 2k Tour , the performance of the song included a full dance segment . On 2000s Oops ! ... I Did It Again World Tour , Spears performed " Born to Make You Happy " wearing pajamas and slippers , with a dance segment near the end . " Born to Make You Happy " was performed for the last time on Dream Within a Dream Tour , where Spears emerged from the middle of a giant musical box on the stage as a ballerina , to perform the song in a medley with " Lucky " and " Sometimes " ,

right after the performance of " Overprotected " . Spears also performed " From the Bottom of My Broken Heart " and " Born to Make You Happy " on Disney Channel in Concert in 1999 . The performances were recorded and included on Spears ' first home video release , Time Out with Britney Spears .

= = Track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Britney Spears ? lead vocals

Kristian Lundin ? songwriting , producer , keyboards , programming

Andreas Carlsson ? songwriting , background vocals

Nana Hedin ? background vocals

Esbjörn Öhrwall ? bass , guitar

Max Martin ? mixing

Michael Tucker ? pro @-@ tools engineer

Reza Safina ? assistant engineer

Tom Coyne ? audio mastering

Source :

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =