" See You Again " is the debut single by American recording artist Miley Cyrus . It was recorded for Hannah Montana 2 : Meet Miley Cyrus (2007) , the second soundtrack album from the Disney Channel original series Hannah Montana and the debut studio album of Cyrus . It was written by Cyrus (credited as Destiny Hope Cyrus) with the song 's producers Antonina Armato and Tim James . It was released as the lead single from the album by Hollywood Records . Later , it was remixed by Rock Mafia and released on August 25 , 2008 by Hollywood Records , as the second single from Cyrus ' second studio album , Breakout (2008) . Musically , the track is a dance @-@ pop number that contains influences from various musical genres , including electronic music . Lyrically , the track speaks of teenage romance .

"See You Again " was a critical success , with contemporary critics praising its musical composition and vocal delivery . To follow , it also became Cyrus ' first commercially successful single . The song introduced her to new audiences and new countries , paving the way for future hits . " See You Again " became Cyrus ' best @-@ charting single at the time by peaking at number ten on the Billboard Hot 100 . Its highest peak internationally was at number four on the Canadian Hot 100 . Although an official music video for the song was never filmed , it was given a promotional music video , taken from a performance at the 2007 Disney Channel Games . The song was promoted through a multitude of live television performances . It was included on the set list of Cyrus ' headlining tours , the Best of Both Worlds Tour (2007 ? 08) , the Wonder World Tour (2009) and the Gypsy Heart Tour (2011) . " See You Again " has been covered by various notable artists , including Little Boots and Breathe Carolina . Even without a music video , the song managed to peak at 10 in the US and sold 2 @.@ 5 million copies .

= = Background = =

When Cyrus starred as Miley Stewart , a girl with a secret double life as the popstar Hannah Montana , on the Disney Channel television series Hannah Montana , she developed fame as a teen idol and released the series ' first soundtrack while being credited to Hannah Montana . In late 2006 , Cyrus began execution for her debut album . Cyrus ' debut studio album Meet Miley Cyrus was attached to the series ' second soundtrack , Hannah Montana 2 , and released as the second disc of the Hannah Montana 2 : Meet Miley Cyrus (2007) double @-@ disc album . " See You Again " was written by Cyrus , who was credited to her birth name Destiny Hope Cyrus , Antonina Armato , and Tim James . The writing group has executed numerous songs recorded by Cyrus , contributing to a large part of three of her five studio albums .

When composing tracks for Meet Miley Cyrus , Cyrus was originally very apprehensive in regards to adding " See You Again " to the album . " I 'm not sure about this song . I don 't think I want to put it on the album . I don 't really like it that much . It 's just O.K. " , she said . However , she was convinced to record it and , once she listened to the finished product , she changed her mind . She thought it was odd , but in a positive light , and decided to include it on her debut album . Cyrus says " See You Again " is a dance song with a special meaning to her . The song was remixed by Rock Mafia for the release of Cyrus ' second studio album Breakout (2008) .

= = Composition = =

"See You Again " is a pop rock song with a length of three minutes and ten seconds . The songs contains numerous influences from electronic , new wave , and techno music . The song is set in the time signature of common time and has a fast tempo of 138 beats per minute . It is written in the key of A minor and Cyrus ' vocals span one octave , from G3 to A4 . Throughout the song , Cyrus ' edgy and sultry vocal performance maintains in the contralto range . The lyrics of " See You Again " are about a teenage romance . In verses , Cyrus discusses her sentiments and perceptions about her love interest , such as believing the couple had previously encountered in a previous incarnation . " See You Again " 's refrains detail previous scenes of an encounter between the couple : " The last

time I freaked out / I just kept looking down / I st @-@ st @-@ stuttered when you asked me what I ? m thinking ? bout . " Towards the conclusion of the refrains , Cyrus vows to redeem herself .

= = Critical reception = =

Chuck Taylor of Billboard felt that , by offering meaningful airplay to " See You Again " , mainstream radio stations were getting with the program . Taylor described the song " a sassy , uptempo stinger that adds appealing youthful buzz to the airwaves " and complimented Cyrus ' vocals with comparisons with Hilary Duff and Avril Lavigne . " Cyrus [...] at last adds the missing link to TV and movie acclaim . Alas , FM , better late than never " , he concluded . Sal Cinquemani of Slant Magazine said , " The Hannah Montana star 's 2007 single ' See You Again ' managed to click with non @-@ tween listeners thanks [to being] gustier than anything her fellow Disney Channel superstar Hilary Duff has ever put to digital .

Mikael Wood of The Los Angeles Times believed the song was " no shortage of crafty tween @-@ rock gems " . Ash Dosanjh of Yahoo! Music believed the Rock Mafia remix of the song was a so " glorious " that it signaled Breakout would do exactly that . Josh Timmermann of PopMatters referred to the remix as the best song on Breakout , describing it as a " marvelous slice of teenaged life set to club rock beats . " Timmermann continued to praise the track , saying it felt " infinitely more genuine and thoughtful than " any other track on Breakout and that the small @-@ time teen drama fit Cyrus ' voice . " It sounds far less ludicrously melodramatic than it might have delivered by less forceful pipes " , he concluded . George Lang of The Oklahoman thought the inclusion of the song 's remix on Breakout was used to cover more musical genres in order to appeal to a wider fanbase . In 2008 , the track was listed as a " Winning Song " by Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) .

= = Commercial performance = =

On the week ending December 22 , 2007 , " See You Again " debuted at number 94 on the Billboard Hot 100 . In the succeeding week , the song ascended to number 78 and , on the week ending February 16 , 2008 , it charted at its newfound peak of number 17 , therefore becoming Cyrus ' best @-@ charting effort on the Billboard Hot 100 , surpassing the Hannah Montana @-@ credited " Life 's What You Make It " , which peaked at number 25 in August 2007 . On the week ending May 3 , 2008 , " See You Again " became Cyrus ' first top ten single by reaching its peak at number ten on the Billboard Hot 100 . " See You Again " spent a total of 27 weeks upon the chart . It also peaked at number four on Mainstream Top 40 (Pop Songs) and number twenty @-@ one on Adult Pop Songs in the United States . The song entered at number 86 and peaked at number four on the Canadian Hot 100 , its highest peak internationally . As of August 2013 , " See You Again " has sold 2 @,@ 456 @,@ 000 copies in the United States .

In Australia , " See You Again " debuted at number 25 on the week ending June 22 , 2008 . The following week , it ascended to number ten and , after five weeks of ascending the top ten , reached its peak at number six , where it remained for three consecutive weeks . The single was certified platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) for the sale of over 70 @,@ 000 copies . On the week ending August 4 , 2008 , " See You Again " debuted at number 32 on the New Zealand Singles Chart . It eventually peaked at number 11 and was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of New Zealand (RIANZ) for the shipment of 7 @,@ 500 copies . In the United Kingdom , the track peaked at number 11 . The song is tied with " The Climb " and " Party in the U.S.A. " , which charted in March and November 2009 , respectively , for Cyrus ' best @-@ charting effort in the United Kingdom . Elsewhere in Europe , " See You Again " peaked at number 38 on the Eurochart Hot 100 Singles , number 14 on the Irish Singles Chart and number seven on the Hungarian Singles Chart .

= = Live performances = =

Cyrus performed " See You Again " live on the 2007 Disney Channel Games held on April 27 at

Walt Disney World in Orlando , Florida , as part of Disney Channel 's summer @-@ season activities . She wore a yellow and black @-@ striped tank top , black and white @-@ plaid skirt , high knee socks , and black sneakers in the performance . Cyrus also performed the song on Idol Gives Back , as she continued to promote the single in the United States . " See You Again " was also a part of the set list for Cyrus ' first headlining concert tour , the Best of Both Worlds Tour (2007 ? 08) . Cyrus was costumed in a white tank top , studded jeans , and metallic accessories . Cyrus and several backup dancers began the performance on the upper level of the stage , where they proceeded down a ramp as they perform dance routines . Cyrus and the backup dancers roamed throughout the stage for the remainder of the performance . Jane Stevenson of the Canadian Online Explorer listed " See You Again " as one of the highlights at the concert at Air Canada Centre on December 15 , 2007 , in Toronto , Canada . She said that Cyrus ' wardrobe indicated that " Miley , it turns out , is the marginally tougher cookie of the two singers . "

Cyrus performed " See You Again " at the opening of the 2008 Disney Channel Games , held on May 4 , 2008 . During the performance , which a recording of was used as a promotional music video for the Rock Mafia release , Cyrus was dressed in a white vest and white pants . In 2008 , Cyrus performed the song at the 2008 Zootopia , Good Morning America , The Today Show , and BBC Switch in the United Kingdom . Cyrus performed " See You Again " , dressed in casual clothing , on the Kids ' Inaugural : " We Are the Future " event . The event was held on January 19 , 2009 , in Washington D.C. at the Verizon Center to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United States . Cyrus performed the song along with several other songs on April 24 , 2009 in a London Apple Store . These performances were recorded and sold exclusively by the United Kingdom iTunes Store as a live extended play titled iTunes Live from London . The song has been performed at the twentieth annual A Time for Heroes Celebrity Carnival , Rock in Rio concerts in Lisbon , Portugal , and Madrid , Spain , the 1515 Club in Paris , France , Heaven and G @-@ A @-@ Y in London , England .

The song was also used as the penultimate number of Cyrus ' Wonder World Tour (2009) , her first world tour . The performances began with backup dancers in bodysuits marching as they emerged from the bottom of the stage . The banging of a gong announced Cyrus ' arrival . She dressed in a white tank top and shorts , boots , and a metallic vest . Cyrus and the multiple backup dancers performed elaborate dance routines as images on overhead screens depicted geometric patterns . The dancers exited the stage by throwing themselves inside the stage as Cyrus prepared for the next performance . Mikael Wood of The Los Angeles Times , who attended the September 22 , 2009 , concert at the Staples Center in Los Angeles , California , referred to the performance of " See You Again " as an uptempo highlight that was , however , unable " to give her fans a deeper idea of who she is and what her music means " .

= = Cover versions = =

English electropop singer Little Boots recorded a cover version of " See You Again " that surfaced the Internet in December 2008 . In an interview with Digital Spy , Little Boots said , " That 's a wicked song ! The line ' My best friend Lesley said , " Oh she 's just being Miley " ' is awesome . Me and my friend have been obsessing over that lyrics for ages now , it 's getting ridiculous ! " Breathe Carolina 's act consisted of a balance of pop punk and rock music , which stood out to their record label , Fearless Records . Because of it , Fearless Records decided to reserve a spot for them on their upcoming compilation Punk Goes Pop 2 (2009) , where they performed a cover version of " See You Again " , produced by Mike Green . Breathe Carolina included their version of " See You Again " in their set list for the Warped Tour 2009 . The cover later appeared on the deluxe edition of the band 's second studio album Hello Fascination (2010) .

= = Release history = =

= = Certifications = =