

= Springsteen (song) =

" Springsteen " is a song recorded by American country music artist Eric Church . It was composed by Church , Jeff Hyde and Ryan Tyndell for Church 's third studio album , Chief . The song was released as the album 's third single on February 21 , 2012 . The song was inspired by a memory of a girl and another artist 's song , but he chose to center it around an idol of his , Bruce Springsteen , and tells the story of a teenage romance .

" Springsteen " was received with critical acclaim for its melody and strong lyrics making it one of the top country songs of 2012 . The single reached number nineteen on the Billboard Hot 100 , becoming Church 's first song to enter the top twenty . The song also topped the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs . Outside of the United States , the song peaked at 28 on the Canadian Hot 100 . " Springsteen " was certified platinum twice by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) . The song was nominated for two Grammy Awards on December 12 , 2012 , but failed to win any of the awards at the ceremony in 2013 .

The accompanying music video was directed by Peter Zavadil and premiered on April 13 , 2012 on Maxim.com. The video features Eric Church playing instruments in a suburban neighborhood , while a couple is shown going through the ups and downs of a relationship .

= = Composition = =

" Springsteen " features drums and a synthesizer , along with live instrumentation from the guitar and keyboard . The song notably lacks both the fiddle and steel guitar , which are staples of country music . Eric Church uses his voice throughout the piece to convey emotion , with his pitch and tone changing from verse to verse . The song is composed of two verses with a chorus that is repeated several times . It is in the key of D major with a main chord pattern of D @-@ G @-@ Bm @-@ A and a vocal range of A3 @-@ E5 .

Eric Church wrote the song with Jeff Hyde and Ryan Tyndell . The basis for the song came from a memory of a girl and involved another artist 's song . Church chose to base the song around an idol of his , Bruce Springsteen , whose career he admires . During the course of the song , Church makes several allusions to Springsteen ; he mentions the Springsteen songs Born to Run , Born in the USA , Glory Days , and I 'm on Fire . While being named after Springsteen and making several references to him , the song however tells the story of a teenage romance .

= = Critical reception = =

" Springsteen " received critical acclaim from many music critics . Billy Dukes of Taste of Country gave the song five stars out of five , calling it " the best song from one of 2011 's top country albums . " Matt Bjorke of Roughstock also gave the song five stars of five , writing that " the strong , sing @-@ a @-@ long lyrics and driving , percussive melody brings Eric Church to an accessibility that he 's previously never had . " Noah Eaton of Country Universe gave it an A- , saying that it is " a gorgeous , bittersweet anthem @-@ to @-@ be that will likely leave even some more hardened hearts simultaneously smile and cry listening . " Eaton went on further to say that this song would propel Church 's career to the next level . American Songwriter chose the song for its Lyric of the Week feature , for the week of June 11 , 2012 . The song was nominated for two Grammy Awards ? Best Country Solo Performance and Best Country Song ? on December 12 , 2012 , but failed to win any of the awards at the ceremony in 2013 .

Thom Jerek of Allmusic said the song had " a clever , if somewhat cloying , tune , but it gets the feeling across in spades . " The A.V. Club reviewer Steven Hyden claims that Church " is just as effective on slower , more thoughtful songs like " Springsteen " and that the song " [reflects] reflecting on music ? s power to revive forgotten emotions from the past . " Bruce Springsteen himself took note of Church 's music , specifically the song " Springsteen " , and wrote Church a note on the back of a setlist . Church received the letter from Springsteen 's after a show on August 19 , 2012 . In the note , Springsteen explained his and his family 's love of the song and that he

hoped to have their paths cross at some point . Church was surprised when receiving the note and said that " it ? s a long note , takes up the entire back page of this setlist for a show that lasted three hours and 47 minutes . "

= = Music video = =

The song 's accompanying music video was directed by Peter Zavadil and premiered in April 13 , 2012 on Maxim.com. The video was later made available for purchase through iTunes on April 20 , 2012 . The video is set in a suburban neighborhood located in Elgin , Texas and work on the video began in early March 2012 . Church allowed all the neighborhood kids to make cameos in the film . The video was later nominated for Music Video of the Year for 2012 Country Music Awards ; however , it lost out to Toby Keith 's " Red Solo Cup " for the award .

The music video begins with a girl talking about what she wants in her next boyfriend while on some bleachers . After her monologue is over , the video cuts between shots of Eric Church and scenes of the girl and a boy during various high points and low points in their relationship . Church is seen throughout the video either playing with his band in a garage , in the middle of the street on a piano , or walking through the streets with an American flag around his shoulders while singing . The video ends without showing whether the girl and boy ended up together .

= = Chart and sales performance = =

" Springsteen " debuted at number 52 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart for the week of February 18 , 2012 . On June 23 , 2012 , it later became Eric Church 's second number one single on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs after " Drink in My Hand " in 2011 . The record reached two million copies sold in January 2013 and became certified double platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for that feat . The song has sold 2 @, @ 403 @, @ 000 copies in the U.S. as of February 2014 .

On the Canadian Hot 100 , the single reached a peak of 28 on the charts before falling down the rankings . On September 5 , 2012 sales for the song in Canada received gold and platinum certifications , and on July 11 , 2013 it achieved double platinum status with over 80 @, @ 000 records sold .

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