

= No One Knows =

" No One Knows " is a song by American rock band Queens of the Stone Age written by band members Josh Homme and Mark Lanegan . It was the first single and second track from their third album , Songs for the Deaf , and was released on November 26 , 2002 . " No One Knows " was a chart success , becoming the band 's only single to top the US Modern Rock charts . The song was also critically acclaimed , receiving a nomination for Best Hard Rock Performance at the 2003 Grammy Awards .

= = Background and writing = =

According to Homme , " No One Knows " existed before the recording sessions for Songs for the Deaf :

We have patience with music , a year or five years down the road it may kind of rewrite itself and become what it 's supposed to be . There 's two songs on this record that are over five years old , you know ? ' God is the Radio ' and ' No One Knows ' .

Recording for Songs for the Deaf began in March 2002 at three studios across California . Though the liner notes credit Homme and Eric Valentine with producing the majority of the album ? including " No One Knows " ? Homme credits Valentine with merely recording the beginning of the album for contractual reasons .

= = Reception = =

The critical response to " No One Knows " was generally positive . In The Guardian review of Songs for the Deaf , Dave Simpson said " ' No One Knows ' has killer riffs to spare " . Playloder were similarly enthused , calling the song " soulful , like the last gasp of the hero in an old western " . Eric Carr of Pitchfork Media called it an " easy groove " and " four @-@ to @-@ the @-@ floor slime of the highest quality " .

" No One Knows " was awarded the number one position on Australian national radio station Triple J 's annual Hottest 100 2002 , with four other Queens of the Stone Age tracks also charting . The March 2005 edition of Q magazine placed it at number 70 in its list of the 100 Greatest Guitar Tracks , saying of the song , " Possibly the only full @-@ on , legs akimbo guitar great to be based around a rhythm that goes oompah @-@ oompah , here Josh Homme joined the ranks of the immortal . " In September 2006 , it was placed at number 13 on NME 's list of the 50 Greatest Tracks Of The Decade . Rolling Stone placed " No One Knows " at number 97 on their list of the 100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time , saying of the track , " QOTSA guitarist and overall mastermind Josh Homme found the sweet spot between hooky hard rock and the pulverizing metal he 'd grown up playing . " The song was listed at number eleven on the 2002 Pazz & Jop list , a survey of several hundred music critics conducted by Robert Christgau .

" No One Knows " was nominated for Best Hard Rock Performance at the 2003 Grammys and was the band 's first , but they lost the award to Foo Fighters for " All My Life , which was also credited to Dave Grohl .

In 2011 , NME placed it at number 18 on its list , " 150 Best Tracks of the Past 15 Years " . In 2013 , " BBC 6 Music " placed it at number 16 on its " 6 music 's greatest hits " voted for by over 100 @,@ 000 listeners . To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its " Hottest 100 " poll , Australian radio station Triple J ran a " Hottest 100 of the last 20 years " poll in June 2013 . Songs that were released between 1994 and 2012 were eligible for the poll and " No One Knows " was voted into eleventh position . In 2014 , NME placed it at number 99 on its list of the " 500 Greatest Songs of All Time " .

= = Chart performance = =

" No One Knows " was released as a single on November 26 , 2002 and became the most

successful single from Songs for the Deaf . The song 's peak placings of number one , number five and number 51 on the US Modern Rock , US Mainstream Rock ( where it lasted for twenty @-@ eight weeks ) and the Billboard Hot 100 charts respectively remain the highest of the band 's career . " No One Knows " is also the band 's highest charting single on the Dutch Singles Chart ( where it reached number 39 ) and on the Irish Singles Chart , ( where it peaked at number 26 ) . It reached number 15 on the UK Singles Chart .

It was voted number 1 in Australia 's Triple J Hottest 100 countdown for 2002 .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " No One Knows " was directed by Dean Karr and Michel Gondry ; Gondry filmed the first half on June 26 and 27 , 2002 , with Karr taking over on July 15 . Josh Homme has said Gondry was chosen because he " did all those videos for Björk and we 're huge fans of Björk , so we 're excited " .

The video is split into two sections and switches between them throughout . The first has band members Homme , Nick Oliveri and Mark Lanegan driving a truck at night , whereupon they hit a deer . When they get out to inspect , the deer proceeds to attack them before going on a rampage in their International Harvester Scout . The second section of the video is of Homme , Oliveri , Troy Van Leeuwen and Dave Grohl performing the song against a black background .

" No One Knows " received heavy rotation on music video channels culminating in a nomination for the MTV2 Award at 2003 MTV Video Music Awards , where it lost to AFI for " Girl 's Not Grey " .

= = Subsequent recordings = =

" No One Knows " has been covered by numerous groups , including The Section Quartet on their 2007 album , Fuzzbox , and Franco Saint de Bakker , with the song appearing on their 2004 release Live At The Ancienne Belgique . It was also covered by Razorlight as part of Jo Whiley 's Live Lounge Tour on September 26 , 2008 . The Divine Comedy often covered " No One Knows " at live shows and one such performance appears on their 2004 DVD , Live At The Palladium . Mark Ronson also covered the song as a B @-@ side to his single " Stop Me " , and it later charted in the UK by itself .

The song was the first Queens of the Stone Age track to be remixed by British musical outfit Unkle . The " No One Knows " remix appeared as a B @-@ Side on the follow @-@ up single , " Go with the Flow " as well as the EP Stone Age Complication .

= = In popular culture = =

The song has been featured in numerous video games including NHL 2003 , Guitar Hero Smash Hits , and Guitar Hero , though the latter appearance is a cover . It also appears in Rock Band 3 .

The UNKLE remix of " No One Knows " also appears on the soundtracks for video games SSX 3 , Test Drive Unlimited , and Race Driver : Grid and its advertising campaign .

In 2012 , restaurant franchise Chili 's used a backing track in its ad for " \$ 20 Dinner for Two " that bears a strong resemblance to " No One Knows " .

The UNKLE remix of " No One Knows " was also featured in one of the trailers for Dwayne Johnson 's Hercules .

In Chile , the song was used in one episode of puppet show 31 Minutos .

In the UK , the song was featured in the opening scenes of Scottish TV drama Wedding Belles ( 2007 ) .

= = Track listing = =

= = Personnel = =

Josh Homme ? rhythm & lead guitar , lead vocals  
Dave Grohl ? drums  
Nick Oliveri ? bass  
Mark Lanegan ? backing vocals

= = Chart = =

= = Certifications = =