

= Crazier (Taylor Swift song) =

" Crazier " is a song by American recording artist Taylor Swift . The song was written by Swift and Robert Ellis Orrall and produced by Nathan Chapman with Swift 's aid . The song was featured in both the 2009 film Hannah Montana : The Movie and on its soundtrack . The song is a relaxed ballad with country qualities and lyrics that describe being in love . Swift performed the song as herself during a cameo in the Hannah Montana : The Movie ; this scene was taken from the film and released as a music video for " Crazier " . The song was premiered on Radio Disney and Disney Channel , the latter promoting the home release of the film . The song charting at number seventeen on the Billboard Hot 100 , sixty @-@ four in the Australian Singles Chart , sixty @-@ seven in the Canadian Hot 100 , and one @-@ hundred on the UK Singles Chart .

" Crazier " was praised by critics , many of whom named it the best song on the soundtrack . Digital downloads began immediately after the soundtrack 's release on March 23 , 2009 , and led to commercial success in Australia , Canada , the United Kingdom , and the United States . Its highest international peak was at number seventeen on the United States chart , the Billboard Hot 100 .

= = Background = =

Swift co @-@ wrote " Crazier " with Robert Ellis Orrall . The song is set in compound time with six eighth notes per bar . It is played in E major at a moderately fast tempo of 144 beats per minute . Swift 's vocals span one octave , from E3 to B4 . The chorus has the following chord progression , E ? B ? C # m ? A.

The song 's appearance in Hannah Montana : The Movie came about after filmmakers approached Swift about using her music in the film . Film officials emailed her asking for a song " that was perfect to fall in love to " and " sort of a country waltz " . Although it was not written intentionally for the film , Swift sent in " Crazier " and the filmmakers " loved it " . In addition , Swift offered to perform the song in the film herself as a cameo appearance . In the film , Swift performs at an open mic fundraiser to save a small town 's treasured park from developers . The quick scene was filmed in a single day , but Swift 's performance impressed film members . Film director Peter Chelsom said , " I 've made a very big mental check to work with her again " .

= = Critical reception = =

The song received critical acclaim . Warren Truitt of About.com complimented Swift 's " chim [ing] " in the ballad . Heather Phares of Allmusic praised the track , calling it " the best song on Hannah Montana : The Movie " . She complimented it for being " more genuine , more effortless , than any of [Cyrus '] or Hannah 's tracks " . James Berardinelli agreed , stating , " Arguably , the movie 's biggest mistake is having Taylor Swift perform a song , since she can sing and the comparison is not flattering to the movie 's star . " Leah Greenblatt of Entertainment Weekly described " Crazier " as " a pretty , yearning ballad . " Premiere magazine reviewer Olivia Putnal referred to Swift 's performance one of the film 's " high points " . Peter Hartlaub of The San Francisco Chronicle believed that Swift 's cameo was enjoyable , but also calls it a mistake on the part of the filmmakers , explaining " Swift is so talented that she makes Cyrus seem bland by comparison . " Perry Seibert from TV Guide wrote , " when genuine teen star Taylor Swift shows up to perform [...] she demonstrates all the spontaneity and authenticity that Miley Cyrus lacks . "

= = Chart performance = =

" Crazier " received exclusive airplay on Radio Disney . The song made its debut on the Billboard Hot 100 at number seventy @-@ two on the week ending April 11 , 2009 . " Crazier " rose three spots to number sixty @-@ nine in the following week , but jumped to number thirty @-@ eight on the week ending April 25 , 2009 due to an 87 percent increase in digital downloads . For the week of Saturday , May 2 , 2009 , the song reached its peak on the Hot 100 at number seventeen , selling

110 @, @ 000 downloads . It also peaked at number twenty @-@ eight on the Pop 100 chart . As of November 2014 , Crazier has sold one million copies in the USA .

As the song was not officially released to radio as a single , digital sales also accounted for " Crazier " ' s appearance on international charts . The song debuted at number seventy @-@ nine on the week ending April 11 , 2009 . For the week ending May 2 , 2009 , it reached number thirty on Hot Canadian Digital Singles and number sixty @-@ three on the Canadian Hot 100 . " Crazier " reached number fifty @-@ seven on the Australian Singles Chart . The song debuted and peaked at number one @-@ hundred in the UK Singles Chart for the week ending May 16 , 2009 .

= = Music video = =

" Crazier " ' s music video , directed by Peter Chelsom , featuring excerpts from Hannah Montana : The Movie , which premiered on March 28 , 2009 on Disney Channel .

The video begins in its principal setting with Swift and two backup musicians atop a stage in a crowded barn . Swift is dressed in a fitted pastel sundress and plays an acoustic guitar strapped over her shoulder . The backup musicians play the fiddle , the piano , the drum set , and the upright bass . The video then transitions to a clip from Hannah Montana : The Movie in which Miley Stewart (Cyrus) spots her love interest , Travis Brody (Lucas Till) , riding a brown horse . The video alternates between Swift performing and more film clips . Other scenes include Stewart and Brody riding the brown horse together , Stewart staring out from a red car into the street , Brody swinging from a rope in a waterfall , and the two characters on a date . At the end of the video , the couple are slow dancing while Swift sings .

= = Charts and certifications = =