

= Kissing You (Des 'ree song) =

" Kissing You " (or " I 'm Kissing You ") is a song by British singer Des 'ree . It was written by the singer with Timothy Atack for Baz Luhrmann 's 1996 film Romeo + Juliet . The song was included on the film 's soundtrack album and Des 'ree 's third studio album , Supernatural (1998) . A pop ballad set in the key of A minor , the record uses a simple instrumentation consisting only of piano and string instruments . " Kissing You " featured in Romeo + Juliet when the title characters meet at a ball . The song was well received by critics for its emotional melody and toned @-@ down production . First released as a single in Australia on 24 February 1997 , it appeared on the ARIA Singles Chart and the UK Singles Chart . A music video accompanied the single , which included scenes from Romeo + Juliet .

" Kissing You " has been covered by Beyoncé (2007) , Taylor Dayne (2008) and Stan Walker (2010) . Beyoncé filmed a music video for her rendition , which she retitled " Still in Love (Kissing You) " . The change of title and music video went against copyright terms , and thus Des 'ree 's publishers filed a lawsuit against Beyoncé and her representatives . Infringing albums were recalled , and both sides agreed that the case be dismissed with prejudice .

= = Background and composition = =

" Kissing You " was written by Des 'ree and Timothy Atack , and was produced by Nellee Hooper . The string instruments were arranged by Craig Armstrong , while Andy Todd and Jim Abbiss engineered the record . The pop ballad uses only piano and string instrumentation . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by T C F Music Publishing , Inc . , " Kissing You " is set in 12 / 8 time with a moderately slow tempo of 112 beats per minute . Written in the key of A minor , it has a sequence of Dm7 ? Am7 ? G / B ? C ? G / B ? Am7 ? C / G as its chord progression . Des 'ree 's voice spans from the low note of A3 to the high note of D5 .

" Kissing You " is featured during Romeo + Juliet , directed by Baz Luhrmann , when Romeo (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Juliet (Claire Danes) first meet at a ball at the Capulets ' mansion ; Des 'ree also appears in the scene performing the song . The song was featured on the film 's soundtrack album , and was included on Des 'ree 's third studio album , Supernatural (1998) . Sony Music released the single via compact disc on 18 June 1997 . " Kissing You " was also sold as the B @-@ side to " Life " (1998) in the UK . The musical interlude in the middle of " Kissing You " was used to promote the UEFA Euro 2004 .

= = Reception = =

New Statesman 's Lisa Jardine noted " Kissing You " as " a high point " of the film . J. D. Considine wrote for The Baltimore Sun that " the tremulous intensity of Des 'ree 's ' Kissing You ' has more emotional impact than many films " . In a review of Supernatural for Entertainment Weekly , Considine later commended the " throaty emotionalism " with which Des 'ree sang " Kissing You " . Jim Farber from the Daily News noted the song as the standout track from Supernatural and claimed that it " stands as the only track to deepen the mood , bringing out the indigo pleasures of her voice . " The Richmond Times @-@ Dispatch 's Kate Lipper called the record " an excellent slow song that you can play nonstop " . However , Ann Powers from The New York Times wrote that Des 'ree is too melodramatic on " Kissing You " . In an interview with The Sunday Telegraph , Charlotte Church described the song as one of her favourites : " This is one of the most beautiful songs I 've ever heard . It 's an original sound and they sing it so well . There 's no beat , it 's just a lovely , lulling song . " " Kissing You " debuted on the Australian ARIA Singles Chart at number 42 on the week ending 9 March 1997 . It rose to its peak position of number 17 on 20 April 1997 , and slipped of the chart in June , having spent 13 weeks on the chart . In December 2010 , " Kissing You " entered the UK Singles Chart at number 137 . In 2013 Abbey Clancy waltzed to " Kissing You " on the 11th series of Strictly Come Dancing , and the song reentered the UK Singles Chart and reached a new peak of number 91 .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Kissing You " features scenes of Romeo + Juliet , mainly those when Romeo and Juliet first meet at the Capulets ' ball . Interspersed are clips of Des 'ree singing the song in an empty building , with water on the floor . Towards the end of the video , some of the final scenes of the film are displayed , and the building that Des 'ree is in is illuminated through the windows . The video was included on the film 's special edition DVD , released in 2002 .

= = Track listing = =

CD single

" Kissing You " ? 4 : 56

" You Gotta Be " ? 4 : 06

" Warm Hands , Cold Heart " ? 4 : 35

" Sword of Love " ? 4 : 03

" Livin ' in the City " (Meme 's Extended Club Mix) ? 7 : 46

= = Cover versions = =

New Zealand singer Hayley Westenra covered " I 'm Kissing You " for her 2007 album Prayer . " Kissing You " was covered by Taylor Dayne , whose version appears as the eighth track on her fifth studio album , Satisfied (2008) . Her recording contains slow jam drums and backing singers . Australian Idol winner Stan Walker recorded his rendition of the song as the twelfth track on his second studio album , From the Inside Out (2010) . Allmusic 's Jon O 'Brien called it " a faithful rendition " . The New Zealand Herald 's Kara Scott noted that his cover was " a little over @-@ wrought and soppy , [but] it shows the true range and quality of Walker 's voice . " Cameron Adams of The Daily Telegraph noted that " for those who want to hear that voice sing something familiar , the lush but simple cover of Des 'ree 's ' Kissing You ' will cause jaws to drop . "

= = = Beyoncé version = = =

" Kissing You " was covered by American R & B singer Beyoncé under the title " Still in Love (Kissing You) " , later replaced with other track " If " . Beyoncé 's rendition was included on the 2007 deluxe edition of her second studio album , B 'Day . Beyoncé contributed to the writing and production processes , and it was one of the last tracks to be added to the album . She called the song " a beautiful ballad " and said , " I 've always loved [' Kissing You '] . It gives you this emotion ? I don 't care who you are , you just feel it . And it meant a lot for me to do this . " While reviewing the deluxe edition of B 'Day , Sal Cinquemani of Slant Magazine praised the song , saying that it " sound [s] downright subtle " .

= = = Music video = = =

A music video for the song was shot and directed by Cliff Watts , who had also shot Beyoncé 's Sports Illustrated cover . The video for the song served as the closing clip for the B 'Day Anthology Video Album , and was filmed on Super 8 mm film in Miami . Beyoncé discussed the music video with MTV , stating that , " [The video] feels like something you shouldn 't be seeing , like you found a home video . It 's very raw : no retouching , no special effects . That 's who I am . You can see my soul . " In an interview with Vibe Beyoncé recalled the video , " I didn 't have any hair and makeup . [The video features] just me on the beach and in the sun , and I brought one bathing suit ' cause I was there for myself . It 's very artistic and grimy , and [there is] no retouching . It is what it is . "

= = = Lawsuit = = =

Des 'ree 's publishers , the Royalty Network , filed a lawsuit against Sony BMG , Sony BMG Sales Enterprise , Beyoncé , B @-@ Day Publishing and EMI April Music , claiming that Beyoncé 's cover of the song infringed copyright conditions . On 13 February 2007 , Beyoncé 's representatives had sought permission to use interpolations of " Kissing You " . The Royalty Network offered Beyoncé the use of the song under certain terms . Two of the conditions of the proposal were that the song 's title remain the same , and that the song was not published in video form . Beyoncé made no further contact with the Royalty Network , and planned to release " Still in Love (Kissing You) " and its video , regardless of the two requested conditions , which the Royalty Network called " completely unacceptable " . The publishing company requested that Sony Music Entertainment (SME) ? the parent company of Columbia Records ? halt distribution of B 'Day with the retitled song . Nevertheless , the album was released on 3 April 2007 ; the Royalty Network considered the action " willful disregard " , and retracted their permission to use the song . The lawsuit , filed on 16 April 2007 in the District Court for the Southern District of New York , sought US \$ 150 @,@ 000 in damages and a recall of the infringing material . The same day , SME ceased distribution of both the deluxe edition of B 'Day and the anthology video album , although the editions had sold over 214 @,@ 000 copies before the recall . Later reissues of the albums did not include " Still in Love (Kissing You) " and its video , with " If " replacing the track on the B 'Day deluxe edition . An injunction hearing was scheduled for 4 May , and later postponed until 14 May 2007 . On 12 October 2007 , the case was dismissed with prejudice , by agreement of all parties . Beyoncé 's father and manager , Mathew Knowles , stated that his daughter did not know about the copyright issues prior to the legal action , and that recording artists rarely involve themselves with such matters .