

= Stupid in Love =

" Stupid in Love " is a song recorded by Barbadian singer Rihanna for her fourth studio album , Rated R (2009) . The song was written by Shaffer Smith , Mikkel S. Eriksen and Tor Erik Hermansen , with production helmed by StarGate . Ne @-@ Yo served as the assistant producer . It was written two days before Rihanna and then boyfriend Chris Brown 's altercation on the night of the 2009 Grammy Awards , which occurred on February 8 , 2009 . The lyrical content , which describes an abusive relationship , led Ne @-@ Yo to describe the song as a " premonition " .

" Stupid in Love " is a R & B power ballad . Instrumentation is provided by finger snapping , minor piano keys and piano riffs . The lyrics of the song revolve around a female protagonist who realizes that she needs to escape an abusive and adulterous boyfriend . " Stupid in Love " received a mixed to positive response from music critics . Some critics praised Rihanna 's emotional delivery of the song whereas others criticized it as being overly dark . Upon the release of Rated R , the song peaked at number seven on the South Korea Gaon International Chart on December 27 , 2009 .

= Background and development =

" Stupid in Love " was written by Shaffer Smith , under his stage name Ne @-@ Yo , and Mikkel S. Eriksen and Tor Erik Hermansen , under their production name StarGate . Ne @-@ Yo served as the assistant producer . The song was recorded in 2009 at Metropolis Studios , London . On February 8 , 2009 , Rihanna 's scheduled performance at the 2009 Grammy Awards was cancelled . Reports later surfaced regarding an alleged altercation with then boyfriend , singer Chris Brown , who was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats . On March 5 , 2009 , Brown was charged with assault and making criminal threats . In the months that proceeded the altercation , both Rihanna and Brown kept low profiles and avoided media attention .

In an interview for MTV News , co @-@ writer of " Stupid in Love " Ne @-@ Yo , who had collaborated with Rihanna on her previous albums A Girl like Me (2006) and Good Girl Gone Bad (2007) , clarified that he would not write a song for Rihanna with regard to Brown as he found it unnecessary and because of his friendship with Brown . Producer Chuck Harmony concurred with Ne @-@ Yo 's statement , saying that no matter what song Rihanna released as the lead single people would immediately think that the song is about Brown . In an interview with USA Today , Ne @-@ Yo later revealed that the song was written two days before Rihanna and Brown 's altercation , citing it as " a premonition . " In an interview with Sway Calloway for MTV News at Rated R 's preview in New York City , Rihanna stated that the album represented her honesty and vulnerability . During the preview , Calloway noted that " Stupid in Love " was the song most likely to receive comparisons to Brown , with emphasis on the lyric " I still love you , but I can 't do this / I may be dumb but I 'm not stupid . "

= Composition =

" Stupid in Love " is a R & B power ballad which lasts for 4 : 01 (four minutes , one second) . Instrumentation is provided by finger snapping , minor piano keys and piano riffs , a style of repeated chord progression . The lyrics of " Stupid in Love " revolve around a woman in an abusive and adulterous relationship , progressing to the female protagonist leaving her boyfriend . The song begins with the line " Let me tell you somethin ' / Never / Have I ever / Been a size 10 in my whole life . " Rihanna sings the line " This is stupid / I 'm not stupid / Don 't talk to me / Like I 'm stupid " during the chorus . The bridge consists of Rihanna singing " Trying to make this work / but you act like a jerk . " As noted by Rob Harvilla of The Village Voice , the bridge represents the moment when Rihanna realizes that it is not worth her while to stay in the relationship , writing " the dunce cap is off " . " Stupid in Love " contains a lyrical metaphor , " Blood on your hands . "

= Critical reception =

" Stupid in Love " garnered mixed to positive reviews from music critics . Leah Greenblatt for Entertainment Weekly praised Rihanna 's high level of emotional conviction on " Stupid in Love " , writing that it is a piece of " self @-@ lacerating balladry . " Neil McCormick for The Daily Telegraph thought that the song was a direct reference to Rihanna and Brown , writing " Rihanna notoriously received a black eye prior to the 2009 Grammy awards when she was attacked by her then boyfriend , R & B singer Chris Brown . Clearly , this is a potentially life @-@ changing incident , and we get some sense of the emotional aftermath on the ballad Stupid In Love . " Norman Mayers for Nu @-@ Soul Magazine concurred with McCormick , writing that Rihanna does not shy away from what happened between herself and Brown , rather , she confronts it directly on " Stupid in Love " . Alex Thornton for HipHopDX wrote that it is difficult to listen to the song without thinking of " you know who , " referring to Brown .

Michaelangelo Matos for The A.V. Club wrote that " Stupid in Love " sounded more like a therapy sessions than a song . Ryan Dombal of Pitchfork Media was critical of the song , labeling it as " quite @-@ dim . " Emily Tartanella for Popmatters was not impressed by the song , writing " ' Stupid in Love ' might be aiming for something more , but they arrive at something less . " Chris Richards for The Washington Post wrote that " Stupid in Love " , along with the lead single released from the album " Russian Roulette " , consisted of " plodding beats " and " forgettable hooks " . Richards continued in his review to write that the song is about " heavyhearted confessions to the treacliest of melodies . " Eric Henderson for Slant Magazine was critical of the first six songs on Rated R (" Mad House " , " Wait Your Turn " , " Hard " , " Stupid in Love " , " Rockstar 101 " and " Russian Roulette ") were " grim and relentless . "

= = Track listing = =

Album version

" Stupid in Love " ? 4 : 01

Remix version

" Stupid in Love " (Chew Fu Small Room Fix) ? 5 : 32

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recorded at Metropolis Studios , London ;

Mixed at Chung King Studios , New York City

Personnel

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Rated R , Def Jam Recordings .

= = Charts = =

Upon the release of Rated R , " Stupid in Love " debuted at number eight on the South Korea Gaon International Chart on December 27 , 2009 . The following week , it peaked at number seven for two consecutive weeks .