

= Gypsy ( Shakira song ) =

" Gypsy " is a song by Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Shakira , from her eighth studio album She Wolf ( 2009 ) . The song was chosen as the fourth and final single from the album by Epic Records . It was released internationally on 26 March 2013 ; in the United States , " Gypsy " was released as a CD single on 12 April 2010 . The Spanish @-@ language version " Gitana " was released as a digital promotional single on 1 March 2010 . Written by Shakira , Amanda Ghost , Carl Sturken and Evan Rogers , the lyrics of the song describe one 's life travelling as a " gypsy " . The song draws heavy influences from Indian and Middle Eastern music .

Upon its release , " Gypsy " received generally positive reviews from music critics , many of whom complimented its production . The single was commercially successful and peaked within the top 10 of the charts of countries including Germany , Hungary , Mexico and Spain . In the United States , " Gypsy " peaked at number 65 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart , while " Gitana " reached number six on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart . " Gypsy " was certified platinum and gold in Spain and Mexico , respectively .

An accompanying music video for the song was directed by Jaume de Laiguana , and stars Spanish professional tennis player Rafael Nadal as Shakira 's love interest . The music video also generated a favourable response from critics , and was praised for the chemistry between Shakira and Nadal . Shakira appeared on a number of television shows , such as German @-@ language entertainment show Wetten , dass .. ? and The Ellen DeGeneres Show , and award ceremonies to promote the song . It was also a part of the setlist of her Sun Comes Out World Tour .

= = Background and composition = =

" Gypsy " was released as the fourth and final single from Shakira 's eighth studio album , She Wolf ( 2009 ) . " Gypsy " was written by Shakira , Amanda Ghost , Ian Dench , Carl Sturken and Evan Rogers , and produced by Shakira , Ghost , Lukas Burton and Future Cut . Written in a ballad @-@ like form , the lyrics of the song describe life travelling on the road as a " gypsy " . Shakira explained the song , saying " ( The song represents my ) way of living and seeing life . I 've been on the road since I was very young so that 's where the gypsy metaphor comes from . " Musically , " Gypsy " is heavily influenced by Indian and Middle Eastern music , and features instrumentation from the mandolin , banjo , sitar and tabla . According to the music sheet published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , " Gypsy " is a midtempo song written in the key of C major , with a metronome of 100 beats per minute . Shakira 's vocal range on the song spans from A3 to C5 .

The original English version of the song was released worldwide on 26 March 2013 . In the United States , it was released as a CD single on 12 April 2010 . A Spanish @-@ language version of the song titled " Gitana " features additional lyrical contributions from Jorge Drexler and was released on 1 March 2010 , as a digital promotional single .

= = Critical response = =

" Gypsy " received generally positive reviews from music critics . While reviewing the album , Ayala Ben @-@ Yehuda from Billboard singled out the song as an album highlight and called it " the closest thing to an acoustic song on the album " . Fraser McAlpine from the BBC Chart Blog also reviewed the song positively and praised its versatility , claiming it manages to be both " conservative acoustic music " and " radical exotic world music " at the same time . Robert Copsey from Digital Spy appreciated the acoustic @-@ instrumentation of " Gypsy " , noting it to be " by far the most organic @-@ sounding offering from her She Wolf LP " , but he also felt that the song is not " as instantly infectious as some of her classic singles " . Stephen Thomas Erlewine from Allmusic felt the song was representative of the entire album , picking it as an album highlight . Evan Sawdey from PopMatters , however , disliked the concept of the " Gypsy " , saying the " metaphors don 't work very well " on the song .

The song was nominated for " Top Latin Song " at the 2011 Billboard Music Awards . Two other

songs by Shakira , " Loca " and " Waka Waka ( This Time for Africa ) " , were also nominated , and the award was won by the latter song . At the 2011 Annual Latin Music Awards hosted by ASCAP , Jorge Drexler won an award in the " Pop / Ballad " category for his composition of " Gitana " .

= = Commercial performance = =

" Gypsy " attained international chart success . In Austria , it entered and peaked at number 11 on the Ö3 Austria Top 40 chart , spending a total of 10 weeks on the chart . In the Dutch @-@ speaking Flanders region of Belgium , the song peaked at number four on the Ultratip chart , spending a total of six weeks on the chart . In the French @-@ speaking Wallonia region of Belgium , the song entered and peaked at number 40 on the Ultratop 50 chart , spending a total of one week on the chart . In Germany , the song peaked at number seven on the Media Control Charts , remaining on the position for one week . In Spain , the song entered the Spanish Singles chart at number 47 and peaked at number three , spending a total of 38 weeks on the chart . " Gypsy " was certified platinum by the Productores de Música de España ( PROMUSICAE ) for sales of 40 @,@ 000 units . In Switzerland , the song entered and peaked at number 12 on the Schweizer Hitparade chart , spending a total of 18 weeks on the chart . In Mexico , " Gitana " topped the Monitor Latino chart . It was certified gold by the Asociación Mexicana de Productores de Fonogramas y Videogramas ( AMPROFON ) after it shipped 30 @,@ 000 units in the country .

In the United States , " Gypsy " peaked at number 65 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart , spending a total of three weeks on the chart . On the Hot Digital Songs chart , the song peaked at number 48 , and remained on the chart for a total of one week . " Gitana " peaked at number six on the US Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart , and stayed on the chart for a total of 20 weeks . On the Latin Pop Airplay chart , the song peaked at number one , and remained on the chart for a total of 25 weeks . On the Tropical Songs chart , the song peaked at number 18 , and remained on the chart for a total of 20 weeks . In Canada , the song peaked at number 80 on the Billboard Canadian Hot 100 chart , and remained on it for a total of one week .

= = Music video = =

The accompanying music video for " Gypsy " was directed by Jaume de Laiguana , who had previously worked with Shakira on the videos for songs such as " No " . The video stars Spanish professional tennis player Rafael Nadal , who portrays Shakira 's love interest in the video . When asked about the reason for starring Nadal in the video , Shakira said she " thought that maybe I needed someone I could in some way identify with . And Rafael Nadal is a person who has been totally committed to his career since he was very young , since he was 17 , I believe . " The music videos for " Gypsy " and the Spanish @-@ language version " Gitana " were released on 27 February 2010 . The video begins with Shakira playing the harmonica , dressed in a black halter top and a long black skirt . The next scenes mainly consist of Shakira interacting with Nadal in different ways , such as dancing for him and laying together on the ground . The video ends with the duo sharing a kiss .

The video received positive reviews from critics . Melanie Bertoldi from Billboard praised Shakira 's appearance in the video , saying " the Colombian firebird looks hotter than ever " . The Huffington Post review of the video labelled it as a " steamy affair " . Alek & Steph from OhlalaMag praised the chemistry between Shakira and Nadal , calling it " flirtatious and playful " . Jocelyn Vena from MTV praised the video for its " organic vibe " and commented that " while she ( Shakira ) claims that she 's willing to wear her lover 's clothes if they fit , she looks much hotter in the sheer black halter top and long black skirt that she sports at one point in the clip " . The PopEater review of the video complimented the duo 's chemistry and called them both " equally @-@ stunning " .

= = Live performances = =

On 29 September 2009 , Shakira appeared on the Later ... with Jools Holland show to promote her

album *She Wolf* and performed " Gypsy " , along with " She Wolf " and " Why Wait " . On 16 November , Shakira performed " Gypsy " live on the show *The View* , accompanied by a tabla and sitar . On 24 November 2009 , she performed " Gypsy " on *The Rachael Ray Show* . On 23 December 2009 , she appeared on *A Home for the Holidays* With Faith Hill to perform the song .

On 27 March 2010 , Shakira performed " Gypsy " on the German @-@ language entertainment show *Wetten , dass .. ?* in Salzburg , Austria . On 28 April 2010 , Shakira performed " Gypsy " on the *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* . The same day , she performed the song as a duet with Rascal Flatts lead @-@ vocalist Gary LeVox on *American Idol* . Shakira opened and closed the performance while playing the harmonica . Shakira also performed " Gypsy " in *Rock in Rio Lisboa* and *Madrid* on 21 May 2010 and 5 June 2010 . On 15 July 2010 , Shakira performed the song at the opening of the 2010 Premios Juventud awards ceremony , along with her smash hit " Waka Waka ( This Time for Africa ) " . " Gypsy " and " She Wolf " were the only two singles from the album to be included in the setlist of *The Sun Comes Out World Tour* . The song was performed with a " folk lilt " and Shakira 's vocals were backed by " accordion , fiddles and the rhythm section " .

= = Usage in media = =

Shakira guest @-@ starred as herself in the eighth episode of the season four of *Ugly Betty* titled " The Bahamas Triangle " , which aired on 4 December 2009 . The episode featured the songs " Gypsy " and " Give It Up to Me " running in the background . She sang " Gypsy " in a duet with Selena Gomez in the twelfth episode of the season three of *Wizards of Waverly Place* , titled " Dude Looks Like Shakira " . In the episode , the main characters of the show , Alex ( Gomez ) , Justin ( David Henrie ) , and Max ( Jake T. Austin ) , are shocked to find out that Shakira is no one but their Uncle Kelbo , who is abusing one of the magic laws concerning fame and fortune . The episode aired on 16 April 2010 .

= = Formats and track listings = =

CD Single ( " Gypsy " )

" Gypsy " - 3 : 16

" Gypsy " ( Freemasons Remix ) - 3 : 26

Digital download ( " Gitana " )

" Gitana " - 3 : 26

Digital download EP

" Gypsy " - 3 : 18

" Gypsy " ( Freemasons Remix ) - 3 : 26

" Gypsy " ( DMC Radio Mix ) - 3 : 17

" Gitana " - 3 : 26

= = Charts = =