

= Caught in a Moment =

" Caught in a Moment " is a song by English girl group Sugababes from their third studio album Three (2003) . It was released in the United Kingdom on 23 August 2004 as the album 's fourth and final single . The song was written by the group 's members in collaboration with Karen Poole , Marius De Vries and its producer Jony Rockstar . " Caught in a Moment " is a downtempo R & B and soul ballad backed by an orchestral musical arrangement , and contains emotive lyrics that explore concepts of melancholy and hopefulness . The track received mixed reviews from critics who were ambivalent towards its balladry .

Following its release , the song became the group 's fourth consecutive top @-@ ten hit on the UK Singles Chart , while internationally it peaked within the top forty on the singles charts of Ireland , Hungary and the Netherlands . The music video , which is black @-@ and @-@ white , was directed by Howard Greenhalgh and features the Sugababes ' silhouettes behind a large screen . To promote " Caught in a Moment " , the trio performed it at the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta and as part of the set lists for their tours in support of Taller in More Ways (2005) , Overloaded : The Singles Collection (2006) and Change (2007) .

= = Background and composition = =

In 2003 , the Sugababes began to work on songs for their third studio album Three (2003) . They wrote and recorded material in various countries around the world as they performed at festivals such as the Liverpool Summer Pops . " Caught in a Moment " was written by the Sugababes ? consisting of Keisha Buchanan , Mutya Buena and Heidi Range ? in collaboration with Karen Poole , Marius De Vries and its producer , Jony Rockstar . Pete Craigie recorded the group 's vocals while Tom Elmhirst mixed the song ; both musicians engineered it . " Caught in a Moment " is the album 's fourth and final single , and was released as a CD single in the United Kingdom on 23 August 2004 . It appears on the soundtrack to the 2004 film Wimbledon , and is included on the group 's 2006 greatest hits album Overloaded : The Singles Collection .

" Caught in a Moment " is a downtempo R & B and soul ballad , with similar production to the Sugababes ' older ballads " Stronger " and " Too Lost in You " . It was composed in the key of E minor using common time at a tempo of 72 beats per minute , and follows the chord progression of Em ? A ? D. The song 's instrumentation is provided by bass , guitar , percussion , piano , beats , strings , violins , cello and double bass . The strings are high @-@ pitched and the song is supported by an electronica @-@ infused ambience . " Caught in a Moment " contains emotive lyrics that explore concepts of melancholy and hopefulness . It was compared to the works of girl band All Saints , and English musical group Massive Attack .

= = Reception = =

= = Critical response = =

" Caught in a Moment " received mixed reviews from critics . K. Ross Hoffman of AllMusic described the song as " a stirring , string @-@ laden monolith of melody " and commended it as the standout ballad from Three . Dorian Lynskey of The Guardian praised the song as terrific and highlighted its " deep @-@ pile swoon " . Dan Gennoe of Yahoo ! Music wrote that " Caught in a Moment " and " Too Lost in You " are reminders that the Sugababes " handle trip @-@ hop melancholy with the same devastating confidence as their seething club stomps " . Tim de Lisle from Daily Mail acknowledged that while some parts are unoriginal , the song succeeds through its " colossal simplicity " . According to a critic from Entertainment Ireland , " Caught in a Moment " is one of three tracks from the album that displays the group 's " funky vocals and brattish attitude " . A writer for Daily Record described it as a " slow , thoughtful number " with sophisticated sounds . Hot Press magazine 's Phil Udell called the song an elegant ballad , while Shane Murray of RTÉ.ie

described it as atmospheric .

The song 's balladry was also a focal point for criticism . Writers from the London Evening Standard wrote that " instead of sweeping you up all misty @-@ eyed " like their previously released ballad " Too Lost in You " , " Caught in a Moment " " drifts by a bit inconsequentially " . The Observer 's Kitty Empire was unfavourable of the sound and mature nature of the song , questioning : " Who wants Sugababes to grow up gracefully , into the mini @-@ Gabrielle poses of songs like ' Caught in a Moment ' ? " A writer from Virgin Media criticised the song 's " trudging " balladry and its orchestral backdrop as bland , elaborating : " For a band who 've previously put out some genuinely edgy and confident pop , this is inexcusably forgettable " . A critic from The Scotsman regarded " Caught in a Moment " as a mediocre filler track , while The Independent 's Simon Price considered it insipid . Anna Britten of Yahoo ! Music rated the song five out of ten stars and wrote that it " has all the standard features of your average MOR lady ballad " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

The song 's first chart appearance was on the 26 August 2004 issue of the Irish Singles Chart , where it debuted and peaked at number 28 . It subsequently became the group 's second lowest @-@ charting single in Ireland to date . " Caught in a Moment " was most successful on the UK Singles Chart , where it debuted at number eight with sales of 11 @,@ 633 copies , and became the Sugababes ' fourth consecutive top @-@ ten hit in the United Kingdom . The song spent seven weeks on the chart . In the Netherlands , " Caught in a Moment " debuted on the Dutch Top 40 chart at number 32 and later peaked at number 30 , while on the Mega Single Top 100 chart , it reached number 46 . The ballad reached number 38 on the Hungarian Dance Chart , and number 56 on the Austrian and Swiss charts . The song spent nine weeks on the German Singles Chart , where it charted at number 71 .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Caught in a Moment " was directed by Howard Greenhalgh and filmed in July 2004 . It was reported that during the filming , Buena , Buchanan and Range were experiencing conflicts , refused to speak with each other and would only communicate through intermediaries . According to British newspaper the Daily Star , " the frosty silence between Mutya , Heidi and Keisha , made for a difficult afternoon 's work " . The video is black @-@ and @-@ white , and features Buena and Range in dresses , and Buchanan in a two @-@ piece outfit . It was later included on the group 's DVD release , Overloaded : The Videos Collection .

During the video , the group 's members undress and kiss a man behind a large screen . The clips show them seated both individually and as a group , and surrounded by large lights which flash several times . At the time of its release , the video was considered one of the group 's most sexually suggestive videos ; Sky News described it as " their most explicit yet with scenes showing the girls writhing , stripping and kissing in silhouette behind giant screens " . A critic from the Daily Record was favourable of the video and wrote that it " sums up the classy appeal " of the song . It debuted and peaked at number 12 on the UK TV airplay chart .

= = Live performances = =

The Sugababes performed " Caught in a Moment " on 12 August 2004 at the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta , which is one of Europe 's biggest balloon festivals . The third @-@ line up of the band , consisting of Buchanan , Range and Amelle Berrabah , performed " Caught in a Moment " at the Sheffield City Hall in March 2006 as part of their tour in support of Taller in More Ways (2005) . According to Dave Simpson of The Guardian , the performance suggested that Berrabah " could trigger an unlikely shift into soul " for the group . The trio performed " Caught in a Moment " at the 100 Club , London on 3 October 2006 as part of a gig , which was in promotion of Overloaded : The Singles Collection . They performed the song as part of the Overloaded tour , and were seated on

stools in the centre of the stage . With regard to their performance on 13 April 2007 at the Wembley Arena , London , Ben Rawson @-@ Jones of Digital Spy commented : " Their epiphanic beauty was fully realised with the fragile , emotive nature of Heidi 's voice and Keisha 's powerful singing " . " Caught in a Moment " appeared in the set list for the group 's 2008 Change Tour . According to The Journal 's Kat Keogh , their performance at the Newcastle City Hall " displayed a confident shift from moody pop princesses to sassy Supremes @-@ style harmony " .

= = Track listings and formats = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recorded in Mayfair , Strongroom and Metropolis

Personnel

Credits are taken from the liner notes of Overloaded : The Singles Collection .

= = Charts = =