

= Speechless (Ciara song) =

" Speechless " is a song by American singer @-@ songwriter Ciara . The song was written by Ciara , The @-@ Dream , and Tricky Stewart , with the latter two producing the song as well . Taken from her fourth studio album Basic Instinct , the song serves as a promotional single from the album . It was released in the United States as a digital download on September 7 , 2010 , and in several European countries as the B @-@ Side of second single " Gimmie Dat . " Tricky Stewart originally confirmed the song as a Basic Instinct track in September 2009 . The @-@ Dream , who composed the track , was featured on the version that leaked in March 2010 . However , on the final cut , the song was performed by Ciara only , with background vocals performed by American songwriter , gospel singer and session artist Lauren Evans .

" Speechless " is a mid @-@ tempo R & B love song , which utilizes synthesized trumpets and horns as a backdrop . The lyrical content of the song centers around the protagonist saying they need more time to confess how perfect their significant other is . The song 's accompanying music video , directed by Colin Tilley , features Ciara in a menagerie of scenes . The single had no direct promotion , and reached seventy @-@ six on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs .

= = Background and composition = =

In September 2009 , Tricky Stewart , confirmed via Rap @-@ Up that he and The @-@ Dream had spent the entire summer with Ciara working on her upcoming fourth studio album . He also named " Speechless " as one of two songs he hoped would appear on the album . The album version of the song leaked in March 2010 , featuring vocals from The @-@ Dream . However , following the release of its single cover on August 18 , 2010 , it was confirmed that the song would feature only Ciara . It was also revealed that The @-@ Dream will not be featured on the album version of the song when the official track listing of Basic Instinct was revealed . On the final cut , American songwriter , gospel singer , and session vocalist Lauren Evans performs background vocals . The song was planned to be released as the second official single , how was never sent to radio or released as a CD single .

" Speechless " is a midtempo , R & B love song , featuring trumpet @-@ sounding synths . Andy Kellman of Allmusic said that the song works a " slow motion glide " and that Ciara 's voice " hovers in a love @-@ struck daze . " The lyrical content of the song consists of the protagonist confesses how perfect her significant other is , and that they need extra time to confess this , such as lines like " I 'd need an extra month on the year , one extra holiday just to kiss you all over your face . "

= = Reception = =

Praising the production of The @-@ Dream and Tricky Stewart on the album , Matthew Horton of BBC Music called the song " crisp " and said that it was a " trim , anthemic synth ballad . " Noting it as one of their choice picks from the album , Andy Kellman of Allmusic called the song " euphoric " and was the best of The @-@ Dream and Tricky 's seven songs on the album . A Rap @-@ Up writer noted the song as a standout track from the album . Ed Easton , Jr. of WXRK said the song " reminds all her fans that she can actually sing and be taken seriously as an actual artist rather than an over @-@ hyped dancer . " As one of the album 's " emotionally demanding cuts , " Ken Capobianco of Boston Globe said that the song " lacked conviction . " Becky Bain of Idolator was less than enthusiastic of the song , commenting , " basically , we ? re speechless , too , but only because we can ? t find much to rave about . " Bain also called the synth @-@ beat generic and " run @-@ of @-@ the @-@ mill , " comparing it to her " Love Sex Magic . "

" Speechless " debuted on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart at number ninety @-@ one on the week of September 18 , 2010 . It went on to peak at number seventy @-@ four . The song was featured as the one of the A @-@ sides for " Gimmie Dat " , in the UK , where the latter peaked at number 111 on the UK Singles chart .

= = Music video = =

The video was directed in Los Angeles , California on September 10 , 2010 by Colin Tilley . It chronicles Ciara in a menagerie of settings , in the mountains , a mansion , a reflection pool , and a warehouse . The minimalistic clip sees numerous wardrobe changes , and unlike typical Ciara videos , it does not highlight dance aspects . Several outfits she dons include low @-@ riding jeans and a shirt which reveals her abs . Becky Bain of Idolator compared Ciara to Janet Jackson in the clip , noting Ciara 's " oversized top and comfy jeans " to Jackson in " Again " and " Love Will Never Do . " Bain positively reviewed the clip , stating , " It 's a safe video , for sure , but oh @-@ so nice to look at . " A Rap @-@ Up writer stated " after watching the grown ' n ' [sic] sexy new Colin Tilley @-@ directed video from Ciara , you 're guaranteed to be left ' Speechless . ' " Although he appreciated Ciara for lowering down the sex appeal and relying on her vocals , Ed Easton , Jr. of WXRK gave the video seven of ten stars , and said that it was not enough to put Ciara " ahead of all the talented musical divas in the industry . " Easton went on to say that " the video is not meant to be over @-@ sexual but still gives us an intimate feel to the singer that , in the long run , may even garner better responses among all age demographics . " He also complimented the video as a whole saying , " The shots of Ciara are stunning and she is shown to be serious about her quest for love from a special someone . "

= = Track listing = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting ? Ciara Princess Harris , Terius " The @-@ Dream " Nash , Christopher " Tricky " Stewart

Production ? The @-@ Dream , Tricky Stewart

Vocal recording and production ? Kuk Harrell

Background vocals ? Lauren Evans

Mixing ? Jaycen Joshua

Engineering ? Brian " B @-@ LUV " Thomas , Pat Thrall , Andrew Wuepper , assisted by Luis Navarro , Randy Urbanski , Zachariah Redding , Jason Sherwood , Steven Dennis .

Source

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =