

= Something New (Girls Aloud song) =

" Something New " is a song recorded by British girl group Girls Aloud from their second compilation album , Ten (2012) . It was released by Polydor Records on 16 November 2012 , as the first single from the album and the official single for Children in Need 2012 and also serves as their final official single . In February 2009 , the group signed a new record deal with Fascination Records that would see the group release another three studio albums ; however , they announced that they were taking a hiatus to pursue solo projects . In April 2012 , bandmate Cheryl Cole revealed the girls had been in talks to regroup for the group 's tenth anniversary later that year . In October 2012 , a countdown was activated on Girls Aloud 's official website , which would last until 19 October 2012 , when " Something New " would be premiered on radio . However the date was brought forward to 16 October 2012 following an early online leak of the track .

" Something New " is a dance song produced by Girls Aloud 's long @-@ time collaborator Brian Higgins . Music critics were mostly positive towards the production , and compared it to songs by David Guetta , Nicki Minaj and Lady Gaga . They also noted that the track 's structure follow the group 's signature style . " Something New " debuted and peaked at number 2 on the UK Singles Chart , becoming Girls Aloud 's 16th top five hit in the country . The song also peaked inside the top five in Ireland and Scotland . The accompanying music video was directed by Ray Kay , and features a mixture of black @-@ and @-@ white and coloured shots of the entire group , while also showcasing each member in a separate set @-@ up . Girls Aloud performed " Something New " in few programmes , such as Strictly Come Dancing and Top of the Pops , and in 2013 's Ten : The Hits Tour .

This is the second Children in Need song that the band have released , the first being " I 'll Stand by You " in 2004 .

= = Background = =

In February 2009 , Girls Aloud signed a new record deal with Fascination Records that would see the group release another three studio albums . However , in July 2009 , the group announced that they were taking a year @-@ long hiatus to pursue solo projects but would reunite for a new studio album in 2010 ; this did not happen , however . Two months later , the hiatus was briefly interrupted when they did two shows supporting Coldplay along with Jay @-@ Z at Wembley Stadium . In April 2012 , during an interview with Chris Moyles on Radio 1 , Cheryl Cole revealed the girls had been in talks to regroup for the group 's tenth anniversary later that year . In August 2012 , Nicola Roberts was also featured on the same radio show , and said , " It 's our tenth birthday in November so we will definitely celebrating . I wanna tell you everything but I really can 't ! "

The comeback was confirmed when Girls Aloud 's official website posted on 9 October a countdown that would last until 19 October , when the girls would make a special announcement . It was speculated that they would make an appearance on BBC 's Strictly Come Dancing , where bandmate Kimberley Walsh joined as a contestant . However , on 15 October , the surprise , a single titled " Something New " , leaked online in full . The official radio premiere of the song was then brought forward to the following day , with Girls Aloud posting on their website , " It 's here ! The finished version of Something New will be played on radio from midday and will also be on YouTube to listen in full . " " Something New " was released on 16 November 2012 by Polydor Records through digital download , serving as the official Children in Need 2012 single . When asked about how she felt with the group being back together and the reception from the public , Walsh said , " I 'm kind of flattered people actually care if we come back or not . I think we are all quite proud that we made enough of an impact to be able to a comeback . "

= = Composition = =

" Something New " was recorded in May 2012 and produced by Girls Aloud 's long @-@ time collaborator Brian Higgins . The uptempo dance song and was written in A major with a time

signature in common time and a tempo of 115 beats per minute . " Something New " opens with Cole and Nadine Coyle singing " Go , girls , g @-@ g @-@ go , go , go / We girls gonna take control / You boys better know , know , know / We girls gonna run this show " over a piano melody . According to The Sun contributor Alison Maloney , " after a generic dance beat kicks in , the rest of the track is a mish @-@ mash of rap and mixed solos . " As the chorus begins , the five girls join together and sing , " All I want is something new / Something I can hold on to / I don ' t wanna talk / I just wanna dance / Baby let it drop / Catch me if you can . " Maloney deemed that the moment where the track 's style returns " to the more recognisable Girls Aloud sound . " It ends with the group shouting , " Boy you better watch your back / Cause we 're the leaders of the pack . " A reviewer for Heat notice similarities to David Guetta productions and compared it to songs by Nicki Minaj and Lady Gaga . Michael Cragg of The Guardian compared the verse 's structure to the one of " Sexy ! No No No ... " (2007) , and thought that " Something New " echoed the group 's previous single , " Something Kinda Ooooh " (2006) , not only because of the title , " but it also has the same slightly demented feel to it , all distorted backing vocals , strange rap sections and a brilliantly effortless chorus that soars out of an amazing bridge bit . " Most critics also had a similar perception to Cragg regarding the song 's " odd " structure , which is noted as " typical " and the group 's " signature style " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

According to a Metro publication , " Something New " had a generally positive reaction from fans . Susana Novo Vásquez of The Huffington Post stated that " the indisputable team of Xenomania / Girls Aloud have been the ones to set the trends over the years for others to follow , " adding that the song " continues down that path . " Vásquez continued saying that the group returned into a moment where the " pop scene ... isn 't the same as when they left , " but thought that they were " doing it in a very intelligent way : by adopting some of the Calvin Harris electronic massive sound that is current right now , yet creating an intricate song structure . " Robert Copsey of Digital Spy said that " like most Girls Aloud singles , a few listens are required to get our heads around it . " Copsey criticized the distorted vocals and the fact that " there probably won 't be a full album of new tracks to accompany it , " but admitted that " it sounds modern enough for today 's charts without compromising their signature sound " and praised its " massive chorus . " Douglas Wolk of Pitchfork Media thought that the track " is a game approximation of the Girls Aloud of seven years ago , " while BBC Music reviewer Ian Wade concluded that , " as its title suggests , Something New is just that , a fanfare @-@ like call to arms announcing the group 's return . "

Phill Udel of State said that , with the song , Girls Aloud " have managed to maintain the quality " they had prior to the release of Ten , and commented that " the other three new songs are nowhere near up to the same standard . " Idolator blogger Sam Lansky commented that , for the fans , " Something New " is " a welcome relief to have an injection of fresh energy into the stagnant girl group scene , " and concluded that , " given that this may be the group 's final single before disbanding for good , they 're certainly going out on a high note , with a track that feels quintessentially Aloud but retooled for 2012 . " Rebecca Twomey of Marie Claire said that the group is " on key with the current trend for dance music with their new song , " while noting that they have " clearly taken inspiration from Cheryl 's Call My Name . " Katy Brand of The Daily Telegraph was critical towards the song . Brand said that the lyrics " are the usual post @-@ Spice fare , " but commented that " the images weren 't quite matching the words . I was hearing the battle cry of enraged queens who will be oppressed no longer ; I was watching five young women wearing identical orange mini @-@ dresses , strutting up and down in perfect synchronicity , like catwalk models . "

In 2013 it was nominated for the Popjustice £ 20 Music Prize .

== Chart performance ==

" Something New " debuted and peaked at number two on the UK Singles Chart with sales of 70 @, @ 000 units , becoming Girls Aloud 's 16th top five hit in the country , but being held off the top spot by Olly Murs 's " Troublemaker " (2012) , which sold a total of 121 @, @ 000 units . The following week , the song fell out of the top ten , reaching number 14 . It also debuted at number four in Ireland , falling to number 17 the following week .

== Music video ==

Amidst rumors that Girls Aloud were preparing the release of a new single , Daily Mirror reported that the group reunited for the video shoot on 2 October 2012 . On 15 October 2012 , they uploaded a teaser video on YouTube , in which we see the five girls wearing matching bright orange tulip @-@ skirt dresses as they march away from the camera on a monochrome set . On 19 October 2012 , the video was officially released through VEVO . Directed by Ray Kay , the video features a mixture of black @-@ and @-@ white and colored shots , and also showcases each member in a separate set @-@ up ? based around a triangle @-@ enthused backdrop , while being accentuated by a projection of light . These shots are primarily beauty shots , with the group singing , while dancing alone . The bridge features Harding sitting in front of a white background , wearing a nude bodysuit while abstract images are projected onto her . The video intercalates with stylized lyrics of the song , and builds throughout , until the last section , where the group abandon their various stages of walking and begin to dance together . Carl Willott of Idolator said the video " matches [the song 's] swagger with the UK quintet mugging for the camera , strutting around in those orange dresses and declaring ' We ? re the leaders of the pack ' . " James Robertson of Daily Mirror deemed the video " perfect " , praising the " sexy faces and high @-@ tempo choreography . "

== Live performances ==

Girls Aloud first performed " Something New " on 16 November 2012 at Children in Need 2012 . Emily Sheridan of Daily Mail summarized the performance saying , " wearing the same orange off @-@ the @-@ shoulder tulip dresses from the Something New video , the girl group strutted about on stage with a troupe of hunky male dancers in suits . " The group also performed the song at the Wembley special of Strictly Come Dancing , aired on 18 November 2012 . Girls Aloud also joined Capital FM 's 2012 Jingle Bell Ball , and they included " Something New " on the setlist . On 31 December 2012 , they also performed it at the New Year 's Eve special of Top of the Pops . In 2013 , " Something New " was the last song performed during the Ten : The Hits Tour before the encore .

== Formats and track listings ==

These are the formats and track listings of major single releases of " Something New " .

== Credits and personnel ==

Recording

Mixed at MixStar Studios , Virginia Beach , Virginia .

Mastered at 360 Mastering , Fulham , London .

Personnel

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Ten .

== Charts ==