

= She 's like a Star =

" She 's like a Star " is a song written , produced and performed by British singer and songwriter Taio Cruz . It was released on 18 August 2008 as the fifth single from his debut studio album Departure (2008) . An R & B ballad , the lyrics of " She 's like a Star " are about the theme of parenthood , an idea which inspired Cruz to compose the song . The song was remixed to feature vocals from English girl group Sugababes and American rapper Busta Rhymes . It received generally mixed reviews from critics , who were ambivalent towards the composition . Upon release , it peaked at number twenty on the UK Singles Chart . The song 's music video features Hollyoaks actress Roxanne McKee as Cruz 's love interest . Cruz performed the song with the Sugababes at the 2008 MOBO Awards ceremony , and at Radio 1 's Big Weekend 2011 .

= = Background and composition = =

" She 's Like a Star " was written and produced by Taio Cruz for his debut studio album Departure (2008) . He composed the song in the middle of 2007 , towards the completion of the album 's recording , and was inspired to write it based on the idea of parenthood . During an interview with Sugar , Cruz explained that the song has a double meaning behind it :

It 's about my girlfriend but it 's also about how you would feel if you had a child and how strongly you would feel if you had a daughter and how overwhelming the love would be and they would kind of be like a star , you know like she ? s my everything , she ? s an angel .

" She 's like a Star " is an R & B ballad , and according to the digital sheet music published by Hal Leonard Publishing , was composed in the key of C major at a tempo of 100 beats per minute . It contains synthesizers and uses a sample of a child 's voice in the vocal " Like a star " , which is repeated several times throughout the song . According to Jon O 'Brien of AllMusic , the song is reminiscent of American rapper Kanye West 's older material . British soul singer Corinne Bailey Rae claimed that Cruz sampled her voice with her song " Like a Star " . Cruz denied the accusation and stated that a musicologist was able to prove that he did not sample Rae 's voice .

= = Release and reception = =

" She 's like a Star " is the fifth single from Departure , and was released in the United Kingdom on 18 August 2008 . There are several remixes of the song , including one by Cahill which is more uptempo than the original version . A remix that features vocals from English girl group Sugababes and American rapper Busta Rhymes was also released . According to the Daily Mirror , the collaboration came about when they ran into each other at the Hot 97 studios in New York City . The remix appears on the Sugababes ' sixth studio album Catfights and Spotlights (2008) .

= = = Critical response = = =

Alex Fletcher of Digital Spy rated the song three out of five stars and stated that it is " undoubtedly " one of the album 's low points . Additionally , he criticised the song 's lack of " bravado and pizazz " in comparison to Cruz 's previous singles " I Can Be " and " Come On Girl " . Andy Welch of the Halesowen News described it as " a fine example of a Brit doing R & B as well as the Americans " , but was unimpressed with the child 's voice sample . Hazel Robinson from the BBC Chart Blog gave the song a full five @-@ star rating , and wrote that its composition and musical arrangement produced a song that sounds natural and " pretty extraordinary " . The reviewer admitted that while " She 's like a Star " was not the best track from Departure , it sounds " infinitely cooler " than the album 's previous single " I Can Be " . Daily Record 's Rick Fulton praised " She 's like a Star " as " one of the best R & B sounds to come out of the UK " . " She 's like a Star " earned Cruz a MOBO Award nomination for Best UK Male .

= = = Chart performance = = =

The song debuted at number 44 on the UK Singles Chart in the issue dated 16 August 2008 . It peaked at number 20 three weeks later , and spent a total of 15 weeks on the chart . " She 's like a Star " became Cruz 's fifth consecutive top @-@ thirty hit in the United Kingdom , and outpeaked the album 's first two singles " I Just Wanna Know " and " Moving On " .

= = Promotion = =

= = = Music video = = =

The music video for " She 's like a Star " was filmed in Spain . It features an appearance from the actress Roxanne McKee , known for her role as Louise in the British television soap opera Hollyoaks , in which she plays Cruz 's love interest . Cruz , who is friends with McKee , explained how the collaboration came about , saying :

Why Roxanne ? She 's fit and I wanted her in my video ! I 'm only joking . I 've known Roxanne for some time , although I don 't watch Hollyoaks so I don 't know about the character she plays . We needed an actress who wouldn 't feel awkward doing the mock love scenes so I just rang her and she agreed to do it . It was a case of canoodling for a few hours in sunny Spain .

Most scenes of the video take place in a large house . Throughout the video , the pair are touching and kissing with each other , and McKee is shown in the bathtub . In the concluding scenes , she leaves the house and is depicted as a bright star that travels towards the sky , while Cruz stands in front of the house by the pool .

= = = Live performances = = =

The singer performed " She 's like a Star " at the O2 Academy Sheffield , England in August 2008 along with many other tracks from Departure . The Sugababes , along with Cruz , performed the song as part of a medley with their single " Girls " at the 2008 MOBO Awards ceremony . Cruz performed it on MTV Live Sessions along with many of his previous and follow @-@ up singles . He performed " She 's like a Star " on 15 May 2011 at Radio 1 's Big Weekend , as the fourth song on the set list , which included his hits " Break Your Heart " , " Higher " and " Dynamite " .

= = Track listings and formats = =

= = Charts = =