

## = Beautiful , Dirty , Rich =

" Beautiful , Dirty , Rich " is a song performed by American recording artist Lady Gaga from her debut studio album , The Fame . It was released as a promotional single from the album on September 16 , 2008 . It is an uptempo dance @-@ pop song that makes heavy use of synthesizers , and is lyrically about Gaga 's experiences as a struggling artist in the Lower East Side . She wrote the song while she was , as she says , " doing a lot of drugs " and " trying to figure things out . "

The song was met with critical acclaim , with reviewers complimenting the lyrics and the fun nature of the song . It also achieved minor commercial success , peaking at number eighty @-@ three on the UK Singles Chart . Two versions were released of the song 's accompanying music video ? one was intercut with clips of the ABC television series , Dirty Sexy Money , serving as a promotion for the show , and the other was the full @-@ length video . Both versions feature Gaga and company dancing around in various locations of a mansion , and burning money .

Gaga has performed the song live several times , including on her first headlining The Fame Ball Tour , where she performed the song while wearing a futuristic bustier with silver triangular panels . The performance was praised by critics for Gaga 's " strong " vocals and her energy , and also for giving the show a strong beginning .

## = = Background = =

Gaga said the song " was just me trying to figure things out " , and she later stated that she " was doing a lot of drugs " when she wrote the song . She claims it is about how " whoever you are or where [ ver ] you live ? you can self @-@ proclaim this inner fame based on your personal style , and your opinions about art and the world , despite being conscious of it , " and also about her experiences as a struggling artist working in the Lower East Side . The line " Daddy , I 'm so sorry , I 'm so s @-@ s @-@ sorry , yeah " , according to Gaga , was inspired by " rich kids " in the area who she would hear calling their parents for money to buy drugs with . She added that " ultimately what I want people to take from it is ' Bang @-@ bang . ' No matter who you are and where you come from , you can feel beautiful and dirty rich . "

## = = Composition = =

" Beautiful , Dirty , Rich " is an uptempo dance @-@ pop song which is more synth @-@ heavy compared to the mostly electronic songs on The Fame . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song has a moderate electro @-@ dance @-@ pop groove and it is composed in the key of B minor with a tempo of 120 beats per minute . The song is set in common time , and Gaga 's vocal range spans from A3 to D5 . It has a basic sequence of Bm ? D5 ? A ? ? Bm ? D5 ? A ? as its chord progression .

During recording of the song , Gaga was reluctant to add any dance @-@ oriented beats to the song , and insisted on keeping its original rock version . However , music producer Rob Fusari convinced her that a drum machine would not hurt her integrity , telling her that Queen , who was one of Gaga 's musical inspirations , used it in their music . Fusari commented , " I think that 's what finally got her to give it a shot , [ ... ] We finished ' Beautiful , Dirty , Rich ' that day . It 's one of the songs on her debut album . "

## = = Reception = =

" Beautiful , Dirty , Rich " received general acclaim from critics . Matthew Chisling of Allmusic used the song and " Paparazzi " as examples of how The Fame 's lyrics " salt and pepper the album with a nasty , club @-@ friendly feeling of fun and feistiness that an excellent , well @-@ produced dance album should have . " Genevieve Koski of The A.V. Club called " LoveGame " and this song " propulsive club anthems " that " chug along on wave after wave of synths and programmed drums , resulting in a dizzying sonic trip that approximates the high point of a chemically enhanced night of

club @-@ hopping . " Sal Cinquemani of Slant Magazine said that Gaga " successfully [ tosses ] out dirties " on the song .

The song debuted on the UK Singles Chart at number eighty @-@ nine due to strong digital downloads , on the issue dated February 21 , 2009 . On its second week , it rose to the eighty @-@ third position which is where it peaked , and the next week it dropped to number eighty @-@ seven , which was its final appearance on the chart . On the Billboard Dance / Electronic Digital Songs chart of April 3 , 2010 , the song reached a peak of number 28 . According to Nielsen Soundscan , the song has sold 275 @,@ 000 digital downloads in the United States .

= = Music video = =

A music video was filmed for the song and directed by Melina Matsoukas . There are two versions of the video ? one intercut with clips from the ABC series Dirty Sexy Money and created to promote the show , and another which is the official video . The video is set in a mansion , and starts with Gaga making her way down a hallway with several people who are either walking behind her , holding an umbrella over her , dancing in front of her , or tossing dollar bills around her . Gaga and company are then featured in many repeatedly @-@ changing shots at various locations in the mansion . She is seen lying seductively on a table covered with money , crawling along a black grand piano and striking the keys with her leg several times , dancing around and later making out with a statue , and dancing in an elevator solo . There are also several close @-@ up shots of her burning money and later stuffing it into her mouth . Over the course of the video , she undergoes numerous costume changes . Singer @-@ songwriter Space Cowboy is also shown , most notably in scenes where he climbs a wall .

= = Live performances = =

Gaga has performed " Beautiful , Dirty , Rich " live at the AOL Sessions , where she also performed " Just Dance , " an acoustic version of " Poker Face , " " Paparazzi , " and " LoveGame . " She also performed it at the MTV UK Live Sessions , also singing " Just Dance , " " LoveGame , " and " Poker Face . " She most notably performed the song on her first headlining The Fame Ball Tour . On the tour , it was preceded by the song " Paparazzi , " which ended with clicking cameras and a brief medley of " Starstruck " and " LoveGame . " The performance of " Beautiful , Dirty , Rich " followed , with Gaga frolicking with her dancers and wearing an " austere " blonde bob wig and a " sculptural bustier with futuristic triangular silver panels , and exaggerated peplum , " which was one of her six costumes over the course of the show . The song was the end of the first of four parts of the show , and was followed by a video clip , " The Brain , " which featured Gaga as her alter ego , Candy Warhol , brushing her hair .

The performance of the song , along with the rest of the first quarter of the show , was praised by Jim Harrington of San Jose Mercury News for giving the show a strong beginning , and Gaga 's vocal performance was also complimented . Mikael Wood of Rolling Stone was rather critical of the performance ; Wood claimed that it grew tiresome quickly but praised Gaga for her energy . Whitney Pastorek of Entertainment Weekly praised Gaga 's " strong " singing voice , adding , " The girl can , and does , sing . "

= = Credits and personnel = =

Lady Gaga ? vocals , songwriting , piano , synthesizer

Rob Fusari ? songwriting , production

Tom Kafafian ? guitar

Calvin " Sci @-@ Fidelity " Gaines ? bass guitar , programming

Dave Murga ? drums

Robert Orton ? audio mixing

Gene Grimaldi ? audio mastering at Oasis Mastering , Burbank , California

Recorded at 150 Studios , Parsippany @-@ Troy Hills , New Jersey  
Credits adapted from The Fame album liner notes .

= = Charts = =

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