

## = Swingin Party =

" Swingin Party " is a song written by Paul Westerberg and recorded by his band The Replacements for their fourth studio album Tim ( 1985 ) . The song is an indie rock and rock and roll ballad with influences from jazz , country and new wave . Lyrically , it portrays the protagonist 's " feigned nonchalance " . It was well received by music critics , who praised Westerberg 's songwriting talent . The song has been covered by other artists , notably Kindness in 2009 and Lorde in 2013 .

## = = Composition = =

" Swingin Party " was written by Paul Westerberg and produced by Tommy Ramone , and was recorded by The Replacements . It is an indie rock and rock and roll ballad with influences from jazz , country and new wave . It features staccato chords instrumented by electric guitar . According to Bill Janovitz from AllMusic , the song climbs scales in a way reminiscent of " Somethin ' Stupid " by Frank Sinatra and Nancy Sinatra ( 1967 ) . The lyrics are introspective , and portray the protagonist 's " feigned nonchalance " . Writing for Spin , editor J.D. opined that the song 's theme is " literary reflections " as Westerberg sings , " Quttin ' school and goin ' to work and never goin ' fishin ' " . According to Tim Holmes of Rolling Stone , the song 's theme is that " life is a lilting series of ultimately empty , but nonetheless compulsory , soirees " , while Robert Hilburn from the Los Angeles Times wrote that the song is " about loneliness and youthful insecurity " . In an interview for the Los Angeles Times , Westerberg said : " One of the reasons we used to drink so much is that it was scary going up on stage . That 's one of the things ' Swingin ' Party ' is all about on the album ... how it is a little frightening to put yourself on display all the time . "

## = = Critical reception = =

" Swingin Party " received positive reviews from music critics , most of whom praised Westerberg 's songwriting credits for the track . PopMatters ' Michael Keefe lauded Westerberg 's songwriting ability on " Swingin Party " . Craig Rosen writing for Billboard opined that the song showcased Westerberg 's " capable " songwriting for the band . In a separate journal for the same publication , Braoley Bambarger named " Swingin Party " a " bittersweet " ballad that " won the hearts of a generation of college radio fans " . Craig Marks from Spin shared that the song 's line " Bring your own lampshade / Somewhere there 's a party " is the third best lyric written by Westerberg for The Replacements . Tim Nelson from BBC Music selected " Swingin Party " as one of the outstanding tracks from Tim .

## = = Other versions = =

In 2000 , Singaporean power pop band Popland covered " Swingin Party " for the tribute album Left of the Dial : A Pop Tribute to The Replacements .

Canadian band The Weakerthans performed " Swingin Party " at the 2005 Winnipeg Folk Festival . British musician Kindness released a house rendition of " Swingin Party " as his first single in 2009 , which was later used for the soundtrack of the 2015 drama film Paper Towns . It was released as a 7 @-@ inch vinyl via Moshi Moshi Records , with an original song " Gee Up " as the B @-@ side . It was included on his debut studio album World , You Need a Change of Mind ( 2012 ) . A music video comprising clips from educational films and travel videos was released in August 2009 .

New Zealand singer Lorde covered " Swingin Party " as the B @-@ side to her second single , " Tennis Court " ( 2013 ) . It was also included on Tennis Court EP and later on the US iTunes Store version of The Love Club EP ( 2013 ) . Lorde 's cover of " Swingin Party " entered the New Zealand Singles Chart on June 17 , 2013 at number ten , and dropped off the chart the following week . A live rendition was included on her EP Live in Concert . In December 2013 , the cover was included in Lorde 's extended edition of her debut studio album Pure Heroine . Brittany Spanos from The Village Voice praised the cover and wrote that it helps Lorde express her " rich voice in all its glory "

