

= Night of Your Life ( David Guetta song ) =

" Night of Your Life " is a song by French DJ and producer David Guetta , featuring guest vocals by American R & B recording artist Jennifer Hudson . Taken from Guetta 's fifth studio album , Nothing but the Beat ( 2011 ) , the song was written by Cristyle Johnson , Anthony Preston , Guetta and Giorgio Tuinfort , whilst production of the song was helmed by Guetta and Tuinfort . " Night of Your Life " was released digitally on August 22 , 2011 , as the third and final promotional single from the album , as part of the iTunes Store 's countdown to the album 's release .

Musically , " Night of Your Life " is an uptempo pop and future @-@ soul song , with lyrics that feature Hudson demanding to be worshiped like a queen . Music critics positively reviewed the song , praising Hudson 's vocal performance and noting it as one of the standout tracks from Nothing but the Beat . Critics also compared the song to Rihanna 's " Only Girl ( In the World ) " ( 2010 ) . Commercially , " Night of Your Life " reached the top 10 in Austria and Norway , and the top 20 in Denmark , Finland , Germany and Spain .

= = Background = =

" Night of Your Life " was written by Cristyle Johnson , Anthony Preston , David Guetta and Giorgio Tuinfort , whilst production of the song was helmed by Guetta and Tuinfort . In an interview with Akshay Bhansali of MTV News , Guetta revealed that he did not know Hudson before collaborating on the song , saying , " I had heard her voice [ before ] and I fell in love with it . It 's a difficult song . You need a really big voice to be able to perform that song . I was like , ' Whoa ! ' She obviously has an amazing voice , and I think it was a really interesting exercise for her and for me . " Guetta further explained that when he collaborates with artists , he likes to " take them out of their boxes " , and creating a dance record with Hudson was " really exciting " for him . On working with Hudson , he said , " She is beautiful in every way : as a person , as a singer , as a human being . She delivered [ the song ] like crazy . " " Night of Your Life " was released for digital download on August 22 , 2011 , as the third and final promotional single from the album , as part of the iTunes Store 's countdown to the album 's release .

= = Composition = =

" Night of Your Life " is an uptempo pop and future @-@ soul song , that features an infectious beat and clapping snares . According to Melinda Newman from HitFix , the opening of the song features beats that are " lightly bouncing around like colorful dancing polka dots " , before the song switches into a " retro @-@ sounding twirler with Hudson belting loud and clear . " The lyrics of " Night of Your Life " feature Hudson demanding that she be worshiped like a queen , singing " Love me / Baby treat me right / Make it an eternity and not only for one night / If you love me , till the end of time / Then I will promise you the night of your life . " Tom Ewing from The Guardian noted the song bears similarities to Rihanna 's " Only Girl ( In the World ) " ( 2010 ) . Genevieve Koski from The A.V. Club wrote that on the song , " Jennifer Hudson manage [ s ] to keep [ her ] head above the waves of synths ... by amping up [ her ] vocals to match the outsized beats . " Kerri Mason from Billboard magazine wrote that the song " takes a structure usually reserved for breathy chanteuses ? the big @-@ room trance vocal ? and adds the firepower of Jennifer Hudson . "

= = Critical reception = =

Scott Shetler from PopCrush called " Night of Your Life " " one of the most impressive tracks " on Nothing but the Beat , and noted that Hudson " sounds like a dance floor diva " on the song . Eric Henderson from Slant Magazine wrote that the song was " the album 's only comparative highlight " , but called it a " bald rip @-@ off " of Rihanna 's " Only Girl ( In the World ) . " Robert Copsey from Digital Spy noted it as one of the album 's " standouts " , and wrote that " Hudson adds a classy , club classics touch to ' Night of Your Life ' " . Joe Copplestone from PopMatters noted that songs on

the album such as " Night of Your Life " and " Titanium " , " recall the power " of Guetta 's previous collaborations with Kelly Rowland on " When Love Takes Over " ( 2009 ) and " Commander " ( 2010 ) . A writer for Daily Herald praised Hudson 's vocals on the track for having " all the right emotion in all the right places . "

Pkboo from Samesame.com.au called " Night of You Life " a " bangin ' radio ready single " and wrote that on " Night of Your Life " , Hudson delivers " the in control swagger that has become her trademark " . He also mentioned that the song was better than anything from her second studio album , I Remember Me ( 2011 ) . Becky Bain from Idolator wrote that " it 's one of the slickest collaborations " that she 's heard from David Guetta so far . Bain also added that it was " refreshing " to hear Hudson " in a euphoric party mood after her more low @-@ key offerings from her last album , I Remember Me . " Rich Lopez from Dallas Voice gave the song a mixed review , and wrote that it " is amateurish and never lives up to her talent . " Ben Norman from About.com met the song with a mixed review . He believed that its " production was lacking " the most , and not Hudson 's " abilities . "

= = Chart performance = =

" Night of Your Life " debuted at number 27 on the French Singles Chart , before dropping to number 73 the following week . The song debuted at number nine on the Austrian Singles Chart , peaked at number seven the following week , and spent eight non @-@ consecutive weeks on the chart . It also debuted at number nine on the Norwegian Singles Chart , where it remained for two consecutive weeks . " Night of Your Life " reached the top 20 on the singles charts of Denmark , Finland , Germany and Spain . In Sweden , the song debuted at number 51 on the Swedish Singles Chart on September 2 , 2011 , and peaked at number 31 the following week . In the United Kingdom , " Night of Your Life " debuted at number 35 on the UK Singles Chart on September 3 , 2011 . It also charted on the UK Dance Chart , where it peaked at number nine .

In the United States , " Night of Your Life " debuted at number 81 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart on the issue dated September 10 , 2011 , selling 27 @,@ 000 digital copies in its first week . In Switzerland , " Night of Your Life " debuted at number 24 on the Swiss Singles Chart on September 11 , 2011 , where it peaked . On the New Zealand Singles Chart , the song entered at number 38 , and dropped off the chart the following week . In Australia , the song debuted on the ARIA Singles Chart at its peak position of number 37 . On the Irish Singles Chart , " Night of Your Life " debuted and peaked at number 46 , and stayed on the chart for one week .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes for Nothing but the Beat .

David Guetta ? songwriting , production

David Hachour ? mastering

Jennifer Hudson ? lead vocals

Cristyle Johnson ? songwriting

Anthony Preston ? songwriting

Florent Sabaton ? mastering

Giorgio Tuinfort ? songwriting , production

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