

= Here with Me ( MercyMe song ) =

" Here with Me " is a song by Christian rock band , MercyMe . Written and composed by the band , as well as Peter Kipely , Dan Muckala and Brad Russell , " Here with Me " is a ballad with a musical vibe influenced by worship , pop and rock music ; the overall sound has been compared to that of alternative rock band , Coldplay . " Here with Me " lyrically discusses the omnipotence of God .

Released as the lead single from MercyMe 's 2004 album , Undone , " Here with Me " attained positive critical reception and peaked at No. 1 on multiple Christian radio chart formats ; it also peaked inside the top 40 on several mainstream radio formats . It ranked at No. 16 on the 2000s decade @-@ end Hot Christian Songs and Hot Christian AC charts .

= = Background and production = =

" Here with Me " was written and composed by MercyMe , Dan Muckala , Brad Russell , and Peter Kipley . It was recorded at several locations : Blueberry Hill , Sound Stage , Abbey Road Studios , The Indigo Room , Maximedia , Luminous Sound , and The Schwoodio . Recording was handled by F. Reid Shippen , Mike O 'Connor , and Steve Bishir ; the strings on the song were arranged by Rob Mathes and recorded by Simon Rhodes at Abbey Road Studios . " Here with Me " was mixed by Shippen and produced by Kipley , while the mastering for the song was handled by Ted Jensen at Sterling Sound .

= = Composition = =

" Here with Me " is a ballad with a length of four minutes and nine seconds . It is set in common time in the key of B major , with a moderate tempo of eighty @-@ four beats per minute and a vocal range spanning from B3 @-@ F ? 5 . Musically , " Here with Me " has been compared to the musical vibe of Coldplay and Robbie Williams . The song is piano @-@ driven , with influences from pop , rock , and worship . It features a musical crescendo that has been described as similar to " I Can Only Imagine " . The lyrical content of the song has been described as having a devotional bent , and conveys a theme of God 's omnipotence and holiness . " Here with Me " also attempts to comprehend the mystery of God 's love .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

" Here with Me " received generally positive reviews from critics . Johnny Joftus of Allmusic commented that " the lush " Here With Me " might be a Robbie Williams pop gem were it not for its devotional bent " . David McCreary of CCM Magazine opined on his review of Undone that " One surefire hit is ? Here With Me , ? the album ? s first single ... A captivating piano @-@ driven ballad , the song vividly conveys the wonder of God ? s omnipresence and holiness and features a rousing crescendo rivaling that of ? Imagine " . Russ Breimeier of Christianity Today International commented that the song was " worshipful " , also opining that it " struggle [ s ] with comprehending the mystery and enormity of God 's love " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

" Here with Me " debuted at No. 40 on the Hot Christian Songs chart for the week of April 3 , 2004 . The song advanced to No. 10 in its sixth chart week , and to No. 5 in its eight chart week , holding that spot for three consecutive weeks . In its sixteenth chart week , " Here with Me " advanced to its peak of No. 1 , holding that spot for eleven consecutive weeks . It dropped to No. 2 in its twenty @-@ seventh chart week , holding that spot for two weeks before returning to No. 1 for two more

weeks . " Here with Me " dropped to No. 3 in its thirty @-@ first chart week , and spent a further eight weeks on the chart before dropping out . In all , " Here with Me " spent thirty @-@ nine weeks on the Hot Christian Songs chart , thirteen of them at No. 1 . On the Adult Contemporary chart , " Here with Me " debuted at No. 24 for the chart week of May 15 , 2004 . " Here with Me " advanced to No. 19 in its sixth chart week , holding that spot for three consecutive weeks . In its nineteenth chart week , it advanced to its peak of No. 12 , and spent a further seven weeks on the chart before dropping out . In all , " Here with Me " spent twenty @-@ six weeks on the Adult Contemporary chart .

On the Adult Top 40 chart , " Here with Me " debuted at No. 38 for the chart week of August 28 , 2004 . It spent an additional week on the chart before dropping out , after having spent two weeks on the chart . " Here with Me " also peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Christian AC chart ( spending ten weeks at No. 1 ) , the Radio & Records Christian AC chart ( spending seven weeks at No. 1 ) , and the Radio & Records Inspo chart ( spending five weeks at No. 1 ) , as well as peaking at No. 2 on the Radio & Records Christian CHR chart . " Here with Me " ranked at No. 4 on the 2004 year @-@ end Hot Christian Singles and Tracks Titles and Hot Christian Adult Contemporary Titles charts , as well as at No. 19 on the year @-@ end Adult Contemporary Singles and Tracks chart . Additionally , it ranked at No. 16 on both the 2000s decade @-@ end Hot Christian Songs and Hot Christian AC charts .

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