

= Summer Love (Justin Timberlake song) =

" Summer Love " is a song recorded by American singer @-@ songwriter Justin Timberlake for his second studio album , FutureSex / LoveSounds (2006) . It was written and produced by Timberlake , Tim " Timbaland " Mosley and Nate " Danja " Hills . " Summer Love " is a pop song about " wanting to fall in love with the lusty seasonal lover " . Its instrumentation consists of keyboards , drums , guitars , pianos , and handclaps .

" Summer Love " received generally positive acclaim from music critics ; with some comparing it to his work with NSYNC . " Summer Love " reached number six on the Billboard Hot 100 and number one on the Billboard Pop Songs chart . It was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for selling over one million units . The song also peaked at the top ten in Belgium and Canada . " Summer Love " was included in the set list of Timberlake 's second worldwide tour FutureSex / LoveShow in 2007 .

= = Production and release = =

When composing songs for his second studio album FutureSex / LoveSounds , Timberlake went to former Justified collaborator Timbaland 's studio in Virginia Beach , Virginia to begin sessions for his second album . However , not one of them had an idea of what the album would be ? no plan for it and even a title . " Summer Love / Set the Mood (Prelude) " was written and produced by Timo " Timbaland " Mosley , Nate " Danja " Hills and Timberlake himself . The song was recorded by Jimmy Douglas , while its mixing was done by Douglas together with Timbaland . The keyboards were provided by Timberlake , Timbaland and Danja ; the latter also played the drums in the single .

" Summer Love " was released as the sixth and final single from FutureSex / LoveSounds . The song was remixed with additional vocals by American rapper Stat Quo . A reviewer of DJ Booth commented that the collaboration will " burn up the dance floors " . He also stated that " the collaboration is chalked full of infectious production work from none other than Timbo [Timbaland] . "

= = Composition = =

" Summer Love " is an uptempo pop ballad song , with a length of four minutes and thirteen seconds (4 : 13) . According to digital sheet music published at Musinotes.com by Universal Music Publishing Group , " Summer Love " was written in the key of D minor , in common time with a moderately slow 96 beat @-@ per @-@ minute tempo . Timberlake 's vocal range in the song spans from the low note of D4 to the high note of A5 . Its instrumentation consists of keyboards , drums , guitar , piano and handclaps . Barry Schwartz of Stylus Magazine praised the song and commented that " with its good foot hesitation boom @-@ clap and cascading chorus synthline " " Summer Love " shows Timberlake 's best vocals on FutureSex / LoveSounds . Schwartz further stated that " the beat drops out while he sings in perfect harmony , ' Tell me how they got that pretty little face on that pretty little frame girl ' " . Lyrically , the single is about " wanting to fall in love with the lusty seasonal lover " .

= = Critical response = =

Critics reacted in a generally positive manner to " Summer Love " . Barry Schwartz of Stylus Magazine gave " Summer Love " a positive review and additionally praised " its good foot hesitation boom @-@ clap and cascading chorus " . Alexis Petridis of The Guardian stated , " a dreary central @-@ casting pop ballad called ' Summer Love ' is enlivened only by another of Timberlake 's peculiar announcements : ' I 'm sick and tired of trying to save the world . ' Shaheem Reid and Jayson Rodriguez off MTV News stated that " Summer Love " alongside Timberlake 's 2007 singles " My Love " and " LoveStoned " , rocked every iPod , stereo player and stadium during his tour . North by Northwestern 's Dagny Salas called " Summer Love / Set the Mood (Interlude) " a stand

@-@ out track on FutureSex / LoveSounds . According to him the song " oozes sun , sex , and a sultry affair " . A reviewer of IGN commented that " the bulk of the album is focused on funk lite , but with ' Summer Love / Set The Mood (Prelude) ' Timberlake and Timbaland slip into darkness . " An editor of Billboard criticized Timbaland 's production : " [W] hile the track offers cunning instrumentation , Timbaland 's heavy production hand is so overwhelming that the singer is pushed to the back of the track " .

= = Commercial performance = =

The song debuted at number 74 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart in the issue dated April 28 , 2007 . After seven weeks on the chart , on June 9 , 2007 , the single reached its peak at number six . The next week it fell to number eight and stayed on the position for four weeks , before falling to number nine in the issue dated July 14 , 2007 . " Summer Love " became Timberlake 's sixth single to reach the top ten and stayed a total of 20 weeks on the chart . It ranked at number 39 on Billboard 's Best of 2007 ? Hot 100 Songs . The single debuted on the US Pop Songs chart at number 39 in the issue dated April 21 , 2007 , and peaked at number one on June 23 , 2007 . " Summer Love " became Timberlake 's fifth number one single on the US Pop Songs chart . For the issue dated July 28 , 2007 , the song peaked at number 24 on the US Adult Pop Songs chart . It was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) after one million downloads of the song were sold . " Summer Love " peaked at number eight on the Canadian Hot 100 chart , for the issue dated June 30 , 2007 and stayed on the chart for 16 weeks .

Elsewhere , the song attained moderate success . In New Zealand , " Summer Love " debuted at number 35 on August 27 , 2007 . After thirteen weeks fluctuating on the chart it reached its peak of 15 on November 26 , 2007 . The song stayed on the chart for total of 19 weeks . In Europe , the single entered on six national charts . In Austria it debuted at number 52 , and after two weeks the song peaked at number 47 . It stayed on the chart for total of seven weeks . " Summer Love " was more successful in Belgium , where it reached number six on the Flandrian Singles Chart and number eight on the Wallonian Singles Chart . The single entered the Swedish Singles Chart at number 53 and the next week it reached its peak at number 38 . In Germany , " Summer Love " charted together with " Until the End of Time " and peaked at number 39 . It stayed on the chart for nine weeks . The song also reached number 22 on the Slovakian Singles Chart .

= = Track listing = =

CD single and digital download

" Summer Love " ? 4 : 13

" Until the End of Time " (duet with Beyoncé) ? 5 : 22

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Technical

Recorded and mixed at Thomas Crown Studios in Virginia Beach , Virginia

Personnel

Jimmy Douglas ? Recording , mixing

Nate " Danja " Hills ? Drums , keyboards , production , songwriting

Tim " Timbaland " Mosley ? Drums , keyboards , mixing , production , songwriting

Justin Timberlake ? Background vocals , keyboards , production , songwriting

Credits adapted from the liner notes of FutureSex / LoveSounds .

= = Release history = =