

= Today the Sun 's on Us =

" Today the Sun 's on Us " is a song by the English recording artist Sophie Ellis @-@ Bextor from her third studio album *Trip the Light Fantastic* ( 2007 ) . It was written by Ellis @-@ Bextor alongside Steve Robson and Nina Woodford , while production was helmed by Jeremy Wheatley and Brio Taliaferro . A pop ballad , it contains electric and bass guitar ; its melancholic lyrics address living the " good times " . The track served as the third single from the album , and was released on 6 August 2007 as a CD single .

Critical response to " Today the Sun 's on Us " was mixed ? some appreciated the overall tone of the song , and others criticized Ellis @-@ Bextor 's vocal performance . Commercially , the song had very limited success , peaking at number 64 on the UK Singles Chart . An accompanying music video was filmed in Iceland , and features Ellis @-@ Bextor and her boyfriend stealing a couple .

= = Recording and composition = =

" Today the Sun 's on Us " was produced by Jeremy Wheatley and Brio Taliaferro , while the English musician Steve Robson engineered Ellis @-@ Bextor 's vocals . Wheatley mixed the song at the Twenty @-@ One Studios in London , where he was assisted by Richard Edgeler . The song is a slow adult pop ballad which features instrumentation from electric guitars and a bass guitar . Richard Jones recorded both instruments , and Tim Van der Kuit recorded the electric guitar . The track was co @-@ written by Ellis @-@ Bextor , Robson and the Swedish songwriter Nina Woodford . Ellis @-@ Bextor commented that the song talks about " appreciating the good times " , and is " very sensitive " , despite observing that it is " a bit melancholy " . In 2010 , she discussed the song ,

It still gets me a little bit . I think that 's cos [ sic ] it 's really sincere . [ ... ] when you 've got a family , you spend a lot of time worrying about the what @-@ ifs , and all the terrible things that can happen . You have to remember to not lose the moment because you 're worried about what could be . But it 's easier said than done .

= = Release = =

" Today the Sun 's on Us " was released as a CD single by Fascination as the third single from *Trip the Light Fantastic* . Issued on 6 August 2007 , the single included the radio edit of the song and Ellis @-@ Bextor 's cover of " Duel " by Propaganda . Ellis @-@ Bextor stated that she released the song because " it was important to me with this single to push boundaries a little bit and part of that is explore a few musical directions that are a bit more unexpected , so it 's been nice to release a ballad " .

= = = Critical reception = = =

AllMusic 's K. Ross Hoffman described the song as a " highlight " from its parent album *Trip the Light Fantastic* ( 2007 ) . Nick Levine of Digital Spy remarked that , in " Today the Sun 's on Us " , Ellis @-@ Bextor incorporated a " guitar pop balladeer " and her vocals are " limited " . Writing for Playlouder , Jeremy Allen positively compared the song to the works of Theaudience , a band of which Ellis @-@ Bextor was part of . Writing for musicOMH , Ben Hogwood observed that it was " pleasant enough " , despite recognising that it was a " grower " . He stated , " Also lacking is a big chorus ( ... ) The principal thing it does , however , is make you want to put on one of her sassier [ songs ] " . The staff of Popjustice listed it as the eighth greatest 2007 single , and opined that the track was " brilliant " . This Is Fake DIY writer Stuart McCaighy characterised the song as " warm , layered and soothing with a summery sheen " . Emily Mackay from Yahoo ! Music likened " Today the Sun 's on Us " to " The Cardigans on a bad day " and to the " naffer moments of Pink or Kelly Clarkson . " Mackay also found Ellis @-@ Bextor 's voice too light to support the track .

### == Chart performance ==

The song entered the UK Singles Chart at number 64 , on the chart issue dated 25 August 2007 . As of January 2014 , the song is Ellis @-@ Bextor 's 18th best @-@ selling single in the United Kingdom . Ellis @-@ Bextor later talked on the chart success the song had , " It just didn 't get heard by enough people , [ ... ] I suppose as well it felt slightly frustrating because it was a slightly different style of song for me , and I really got sort of punished for it . "

### == Music video ==

The music video for " Today the Sun 's on Us " was filmed in Iceland . The video begins with Ellis @-@ Bextor , wearing a black dress and short hair , trying to talk to her on @-@ screen boyfriend , who is sending text messages through his phone . Later , she plays a sudoku game on a computer however her boyfriend makes her leave . He starts browsing through pictures of a man and a woman kissing , who are later seen by Ellis @-@ Bextor and her boyfriend through the window of the hotel room . The following day , they start following the recently @-@ arrived couple , and at night , in the hotel restaurant , Ellis @-@ Bextor manages to steal the couple 's room key and breaks into the room . She steals money from a safe in the room , while in the restaurant , her boyfriend looks at the other couple repeatedly . She and her boyfriend pack and leave the hotel , and the latter gets angry when he learns that Ellis @-@ Bextor has stolen the couple . She decides to abandon their car , and , seemingly angry as well , goes near a cliff . The visual ends with him trying to comfort Ellis @-@ Bextor , hugging her .

### == Formats and track listings ==

#### CD Single

" Today The Sun 's On Us " ( Radio Edit ) - 3 : 45

" Duel " - 4 : 24

#### Club Promo

" Today The Sun 's On Us " ( Richmann Remix ) - 6 : 41

" Today The Sun 's On Us " ( Richmann Radio Edit ) - 4 : 10

" Today The Sun 's On Us " ( Radio Edit ) - 3 : 45