

= Ready , Set , Don 't Go =

" Ready , Set , Don 't Go " is a country song performed by American recording artists Billy Ray Cyrus and Miley Cyrus . It was released as the lead single from Home at Last , Cyrus ' tenth studio album . The song is a soft country ballad with some use of pop and soft rock elements . The song has received different interpretations though , in actuality , Cyrus wrote the song several years before its release when his middle daughter , Miley , moved to Los Angeles in order to pursue an acting career with an audition for the Disney Channel Original Series Hannah Montana . " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " received critical praise , with reviewers complimenting its lyrical content . It also reached positive commercial responses for Cyrus , compared to his downfall in previous years . Peaking at number 85 on the Billboard Hot 100 , it became Cyrus ' first entry on the chart since " You Won 't Be Lonely Now " ( 2000 ) .

The song 's accompanying music video was directed by Elliot Lester and features some of Cyrus ' home videos ; it received a CMT Music Award nomination at the 2008 CMT Music Awards . The song eventually became re @-@ released as a duet with his daughter , pop star Miley Cyrus . At the time of the single 's release , she was 14 and enjoying the success of her debut album Meet Miley Cyrus . The duet version became Miley 's debut in country music and received better commercial outcomes . It reached its highest international peak in the Billboard Hot 100 at number 37 and became Cyrus ' first international chart entry since " Could 've Been Me " ( 1992 ) . Cyrus , with and without his daughter , performed the song at several venues , most notably Miley 's first headlining concert tour , the Best of Both Worlds Tour .

= = Background and reception = =

" Ready , Set , Don 't Go " is a country pop song which some of merges Home at Last 's adult contemporary style . It is set in common time with a ballad tempo of 76 beats per minute . The song is written in a key of D major . Cyrus ' and Miley 's vocals each span two octaves , from B2 to B4 . The verses use a chord progression of D @-@ Bm7 @-@ G twice , followed by Em and A , while the chorus uses G @-@ A @-@ D twice followed by G @-@ Bm @-@ Em @-@ A @-@ D .

The song 's lyrics were written by Cyrus and Casey Beathard . Cyrus discussed Home at Last in an interview with Calvin Gilbert of CMT News in which he said the song was about children growing up and moving on , from his own experience of moving his family to Los Angeles to help Miley with her acting and singing career .

Amazon.com 's Tammy La Gorce commented , " Hannah fans will fall for ' Ready , Set , Don 't Go , ' a dad @-@ to @-@ daughter song that sweetly underscores the love in Cyrus ' real @-@ life heart . " Jeffrey B. Remz of Country Standard Time wrote that the song " finds Cyrus in good form . "

= = Chart performance = =

= = = Solo version = = =

" Ready , Set , Don 't Go " debuted at number sixty @-@ seven on Billboard 's Hot Digital Songs Chart which led to an appearance on the Billboard Hot 100 for the week ending August 4 , 2007 . The solo version debuted and peaked at number eighty @-@ five on the Billboard Hot 100 . " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " became Cyrus ' first appearance on the Hot 100 since " You Won 't Be Lonely Now " ( 2000 ) , which peaked at number eighty . It also peaked at number forty @-@ seven on Hot Country Songs and number fifty @-@ eight on the canceled Pop 100 chart .

= = = Duet version = = =

The duet version of " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " enjoyed much more commercial success than the original version due to Miley 's popularity . It debuted at number eighty @-@ five in the Billboard Hot

100 for the week ending October 27 , 2007 . On the week ending January 26 , 2008 , the song ascended to number 40 on the Hot 100 , becoming Cyrus first top 40 hit since his debut single " Achy Breaky Heart " ( 1992 ) , which peaked at number four . The song ultimately peaked at number 37 on the Hot 100 for the week ending February 16 , 2008 . It also peaked at number four on Hot Country Songs , Cyrus ' first top ten on the chart since " Busy Man " ( 1999 ) peaked at number three , and number forty @-@ four on Pop 100 . In the Canadian Hot 100 , the song debuted at number 94 for the week ending on November 24 , 2006 . For the week ending February 2 , 2008 , the song reached its peak on the chart , at number 47 . It became Cyrus ' first international chart entry since " Could 've Been Me " ( 1992 ) .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " was directed by Elliot Lester . The video begins with a close @-@ up of Cyrus ' hand playing an acoustic guitar . It then transitions into showing him . He is sitting on top of two black trunks in a dark , vacant room , wearing a lavender @-@ colored shirt with a gray tee underneath , jeans , and cowboy boots . As Cyrus continues playing the guitar , images of Miley appear on the background . The images range from Miley 's infant to teenage years . As Cyrus sings , nodding his head and flipping his hair intensely , a variety of home videos are played . This continues for the rest of the video . The scene ends with a video of Miley leaving in a yellow taxi cab is shown in the background . The final scene has Cyrus with Miley as she takes her first steps and he says , " alright " .

The video received a nomination for " Tearjerker Video of the Year " , but lost to Kellie Pickler 's video for " I Wonder " at the 2008 CMT Music Awards .

= = Live performances = =

Cyrus premiered " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " on June 9 , 2007 at the CMA Music Festival . Cyrus introduced the song as a duet on October 9 on Dancing with the Stars . Cyrus joined Miley on The Oprah Winfrey Show on December 20 to perform the song . " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " was most notably performed on the Best of Both Worlds Tour . On selected dates , Cyrus and another one of his daughters , Brandi , joined Miley to perform the song as an encore . On April 14 , 2008 , " Ready , Set , Don 't Go " was performed as duet at the CMT Music Awards . The performance begun with Cyrus , wearing an open white shirt with a brown tee underneath and jeans , playing an acoustic guitar that was strapped to him . By the line , " wherever they are " , Miley , wearing a multicolored cocktail dress , joined him from the back of the stage .

On January 19 , 2009 , the song was performed at the Kids ' Inaugural : " We Are the Future " event in celebration of Barack Obama 's inauguration . Dressed in a graphic tee and jeans , Miley finished performing " Fly on the Wall " and asked for Cyrus to join her onstage to perform the song . Cyrus was dressed in a black tee shirt , jeans , and a black leather jacket .

= = Charts = =