

= We Remain =

" We Remain " is a song by American singer Christina Aguilera , taken from The Hunger Games : Catching Fire ? Original Motion Picture Soundtrack , the soundtrack to the 2013 American science @-@ fiction adventure film The Hunger Games : Catching Fire . It was released as the third single from the soundtrack on October 1 , 2013 , following Coldplay 's " Atlas " and Sia 's " Elastic Heart " . Composed by Ryan Tedder , Brent Kutzle and Mikky Ekko , " We Remain " is an arena pop power ballad talking about " perseverance " . Contemporary music critics lauded the song for its sound and picked it as one of the highlights from the soundtrack . The single appeared on a few national record charts including Belgium and South Korea .

= = Background and composition = =

Following the release of her seventh studio album , Lotus ( 2012 ) , which spawned two singles " Your Body " and " Just a Fool " , Aguilera was reported to be featured on the soundtrack for The Hunger Games : Catching Fire Original Motion Picture Soundtrack with a song called " We Remain " in September 2013 . On September 25 , 2013 , Aguilera unveiled a 90 @-@ second preview of the track .

The song was released as the third single from the soundtrack , following " Atlas " by Coldplay and " Elastic Heart " by Sia Furler . It was released as a digital download single at Amazon.com on October 1 , 2013 . It was also released on the iTunes Stores on the same day . On October 8 , " We Remain " impacted US contemporary hit radio . Aguilera performed " We Remain " live with her contestant Jacquie Lee during the season finale of the fifth season of The Voice on December 17 , 2013 . A studio version of the duet was released on the US iTunes Store on December 16 , 2013 .

" We Remain " was written by Ryan Tedder and Brent Kutzle of OneRepublic , and Mikky Ekko . The song is a midtempo arena pop power ballad . It lasts for a duration of 4 : 00 ( four minutes ) . Aguilera sings with " enormous " and " soaring " vocals on a " propulsive Ryan Tedder @-@ ish beat " background . " We Remain " incorporates a smooth piano and drum machine in its instrumentation . According to Billboard magazine , the ballad " finds [ Aguilera ] tamping down [ ... ] for a natural and forceful message of perseverance " . At the chorus , Aguilera sings " So burn me with fire / Drown me with rain / I 'm gonna wake up screaming your name / Yes I 'm a sinner , yes I 'm a saint / whatever happens here , whatever happens here , we remain " . Several critics compared " We Remain " to Aguilera 's previous hit " Beautiful " ( 2002 ) and Alicia Keys ' " Girl on Fire " ( 2012 ) for musical similarities .

= = Critical reception = =

" We Remain " received critical acclaim from music critics . Ryan Reed from Rolling Stone magazine praised the " triumphant sounding " track " sure to be a hit at District 12 radio " . An editor from The Huffington Post picked " We Remain " as one of the standout tracks from the soundtrack that " encapsulates the spirit and power of Games ' heroine , Katniss " . Sam Lansky for Idolator praised the single 's musical departure from Aguilera 's ballads for her 2012 album Lotus . Brett Malec of E ! simply called it " a beautiful track " , while a staff writer from Billboard named it a " triumphant " song . While reviewing the soundtrack for The Hunger Games : Catching Fire , Alex Young from Consequence of Sound selected " We Remain " as one of the highlights from the album , which made Aguilera " the biggest star on display " . Entertainment Weekly writer Nick Catucci picked it as one of the best tracks , calling it " an awesome reminder of Christina 's power " and " one of the most righteous doses of uplift this year , on any platform " .

= = Personnel = =

Credits adapted from The Hunger Games : Catching Fire soundtrack digital inlay cover

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" We Remain " ? 4 : 00

= = Charts = =

" We Remain " peaked at number 58 on the South Korean Gaon International Download Chart with 2 @, @ 689 copies sold on October 6 , 2013 . The single also peaked at number 31 on the Belgian Flanders Singles Chart and number 14 on the Belgian Wallonian Singles Chart .

= = Release history = =

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