

= Missing My Baby =

" Missing My Baby " is a song released by American singer Selena on her third studio album *Entre a Mi Mundo* (1992) . It was composed by A.B. Quintanilla , her brother and principal record producer , whose intention was to showcase Selena 's diverse musical abilities . Selena included it on the album to help her cross over into the English @-@ speaking market . Critics praised her emotive enunciation in the song . After Selena was murdered in 1995 , a posthumous music video made for VH1 was released to promote the triple box @-@ set *Anthology* (1998) .

" Missing My Baby " is a mid @-@ tempo R & B ballad influenced by urban and soul music . The lyrics describe the love felt by the narrator , who reminisces of rhapsodic events she has shared with her lover . In some parts of the song , the narrator experiences loneliness and anguish because of the absence of her boyfriend . Although never intended to be released as a single , the track peaked at number 22 on the US Rhythmic Top 40 chart in 1995 .

= = Background and development = =

" Missing My Baby " was written by Selena 's brother and the song 's principal record producer A.B. Quintanilla . It was created for Selena 's 1992 album *Entre a Mi Mundo* , to showcase her diverse musical abilities and to add to the album 's variety of musical styles , which include Mexican pop and traditional Mexican songs , whereas " Missing My Baby " is in the style of contemporary R & B.

After the release of Selena 's full @-@ length Spanish albums *Selena* (1989) and *Ven Conmigo* (1990) , which included Tejano and other Mexican pop styles , she decided that her next recording would feature an English @-@ language song . She believed that such a song would convince EMI Records ' chairman Charles Koppelman that she was ready to release a crossover album . EMI had wanted her to acquire a larger fan base before launching her crossover career . In spite of this , Selena included the song on *Entre a Mi Mundo* .

Quintanilla III wrote " Missing My Baby " in a week , and three weeks later , in late 1991 , it was recorded at Sun Valley , Los Angeles . EMI Latin wanted R & B duo Full Force to perform a remixed version of the recording . Quintanilla III and Selena met with the group at their Brooklyn recording studio , and Full Force agreed to add backing vocals , which they recorded in two days . EMI Latin , the record label Selena belongs to , chose Full Force 's version of " Missing My Baby " instead of Selena 's solo version of the song .

= = Composition = =

" Missing My Baby " is a mid @-@ tempo R & B ballad with influences of urban and soul music . It is in the key of B minor , at 144 beats per minute in common time . The recording incorporates melisma , with sung poetry during the downtempo part of the song . The melody is accompanied by backing vocals , and instrumentation is provided by an electric piano , drums , a keyboard , a synthesizer and strings . Contemporary music critics praised Selena 's emotive enunciation , which emphasized the song 's title and central theme . R & B duo Full Force were the backing vocalists for the original and remix versions of " Missing My Baby " .

J.R. Reynolds , formerly of *Billboard* , called " Missing My Baby " a " dreamy ballad " with an " R & B @-@ styled melody under Selena 's pop vocals " . Ramiro Burr of the *Austin American @-@ Statesman* described it as a soul ballad . Jerry Johnston of the *Deseret News* thought that Selena displayed a " Leslie Gore [sic] baby @-@ voice " in " Missing My Baby " and that she " displays a wonderful suppleness in her voice " . The *Virginian @-@ Pilot* said that the song was built on hooks that recall Diana Ross 's " Missing You " , which is a tribute to Marvin Gaye , and the Beach Boys ' " Good to My Baby " .

The song begins with a drum solo before the other instruments enter to form the musical foundation . Selena sings to her absent lover about how much she misses him , saying that he is " always on [her] mind " and that she feels lonely when he is not with her . Three times she sings , " I often think of the happy times we spent together / And I just can 't wait to tell you that I love you " . In the chorus

, she sings of wanting to hold him tight and feel his heartbeat .

= = Critical reception and legacy = =

" Missing My Baby " received positive reviews from critics . Vibe magazine reported that Full Force was awarded gold and platinum discs for " Missing My Baby " and " Techno Cumbia " , and described " Missing My Baby " as giving a " hint of her aspirations " . After it was remixed by Quintanilla III and later produced for the 1995 album Dreaming of You , the Hi XD said that it was the best English @-@ language song on the album . Chris Riemenschneider and John T. Davis of the Austin American @-@ Statesman wrote that " Missing My Baby can sound as fluffy as the Big M 's " Crazy for You " . Cary Clack of the San Antonio Express @-@ News wrote that " Missing My Baby " was played on non @-@ Tejano radio stations and that he thought it might become a posthumous hit , while commenting that the recording " displays [Selena 's] wonderful vocal and emotional range " . However , Mario Tarradell of The Dallas Morning News believed that " Missing My Baby " and other tracks were added to Entre a Mi Mundo " for good measure " .

" Missing My Baby " was one of the first Selena songs to be played on radio stations after she was murdered by Yolanda Saldívar , her friend and former manager of her Selena Etc. boutiques . A music video of the song , incorporating footage from Selena 's personal home videos , was released for VH1 in 1998 to promote the triple box @-@ set Anthology . Billboard reported that the video was the 47th most played music video for that channel in the week ending 5 April 1998 .

= = Chart performance = =

= = Personnel = =

Credits from the album 's liner notes :

Selena ? vocals

Full Force ? backing vocalists

Ricky Vela ? keyboards

Suzette Quintanilla ? drums

A.B. Quintanilla ? writer