

## = Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) =

" Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) " is a song by Barbadian singer Rihanna from her fifth studio album Loud ( 2010 ) . It features guest vocals from American rapper Eminem , who wrote the song alongside Skylar Grey and the producer Alex da Kid . It is the sequel to the 2010 hit single " Love the Way You Lie " , which appears on Eminem 's seventh studio album Recovery . It received positive reviews from critics and was performed for at the American Music Awards of 2010 on November 21 , 2010 , as part of a medley with " What 's My Name ? " and " Only Girl ( In the World ) " .

## = = Background = =

Following the release and commercial success of " Love the Way You Lie " in 2010 , Eminem wanted to record an alternative version with Rihanna as the lead vocalist , viewing aspects of a relationship from a female perspective , unlike the original , which featured Eminem as lead vocalist and was from a male perspective . In an interview for MTV , Rihanna initially stated she was against recording a sequel : " When I first heard the idea about doing a part two , I was just completely against it . I just felt like you couldn 't beat the ' original ' . There 's no way you can outdo that , so why compete with it ? " . She said when she first heard the original demo of the song in the studio with Eminem , sung by American singer @-@ songwriter Skylar Grey , her reservations about recording it went away . While the demo was only accompanied by a piano , Rihanna and her team added drums and later vocals from Eminem .

" Love the Way You Lie " and " Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) " were based on a demo written and recorded in late 2009 by Grey . Grey told PopEater " I wrote the demo initially for myself because I thought , ? Oh , I have this big song , and now I have a little bit of a launching pad to put out my own stuff . " Grey continued to discuss how the song was ultimately included on Loud , saying " As soon as Rihanna and her team heard my demo , they were like , ? Oh we want it for Rihanna ? s album , ? so I had to make the decision if I was going to let them have it or not . But I did and so it was on Rihanna ? s album , too . " The demo track by Grey is on her extended play The Buried Sessions of Skylar Grey , which was released on January 17 , 2012 .

## = = Composition = =

The piano and drums version , which features Eminem , appears as the final song on the standard edition of Loud , while the piano version , which excludes Eminem 's part in the song , appears as a bonus track on the iTunes edition of Loud . " Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) " is a mid @-@ tempo song , which incorporates the musical genres of hip hop and R & B. According to sheet music published at Musicnotes , the song is written in common time with a moderate tempo of 89 beats per minute and is written in the key of G minor . Rihanna 's vocal range in the song spans from the low note of F3 to the high note of D5 . Emily Mackay of NME commented about the vocals provided by Rihanna and Eminem in the song , stating that " There ? s great contrast in Part II of ? Love The Way You Lie ? . With the balance of vocals neatly flipped and extra cavernous beats ramping up the drama , it wallows ever @-@ deeper in the tortured relationship sketched out in Part I. Eminem at points is practically screaming with rage , and sounding , frankly , mental . The contrast with Rihanna ? s smoothly pitched pain ( ? Maybe I ? m a masochist / Try to run but I don ? t wanna never leave ? ) is delicious . "

## = = Critical reception = =

Jon Pareles of The New York Times said that ? Loud works the pop gizmos as neatly as any album this year , maintaining the Rihanna brand . But the album has a hermetic , cool calculation until it gets to ' Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) , ' her take on the tortured hit she shared with Eminem . ' It ? s sick that all these battles are what keeps me satisfied , ' she sings . A lone piano humanizes her

first vocals , and she rides the ascending power ballad to a pained resolve ; then Eminem delivers new verses in a spiraling rage . It ? s purely theatrical , but it ? s also , for a moment , raw . Christopher Richards of The Washington Post said that " With ' Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) , ' the maniac @-@ mouthed rapper is limited to just one verse , giving Rihanna the space to take ownership of the proceedings . Will the real Rihanna please stand up ? She does -- and she sounds as remote as ever . " James Skinner of BBC Online viewed ' Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) ' as being even better than the original . He said , " Eminem ? s verse exuding the kind of volatile , simmering menace that got everyone so excited about him in the first place . But it is Rihanna ? s vocal ? at once commanding , soulful and vulnerable ? that anchors the song , and Loud itself , elevating it from a hit @-@ and @-@ miss collection into something oddly arresting . "

Steve Jones of USA Today gave a mixed review of the collaboration , commenting , " Eminem puts in a cameo on ' Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) ' , which extends , but doesn 't really add , to their earlier hit about a tortured relationship from his Recovery album . " Chicago Sun @-@ Times writer Thomas Conner gave a negative review of the song , stating , " She collaborated with Eminem this summer on the controversial ' " Love the Way You Lie " ' , a song and hotly debated video conflating wild passion with crazed assault . She returns to this on " Loud " with " Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) " , an extension of the melody and the arson metaphor , in which Eminem reappears with more histrionic rapping about hating her , loving her , hitting her and hugging her . It 's an unnecessary sequel that further muddies the issue : Is this a social statement , or merely an artistic expression about some truly troubled and confused people . "

= = Chart performance = =

Both the original and the piano version of " Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) " were not made available to purchase individually in the majority of iTunes stores , and could only be bought along with the iTunes edition of the album . However , the song may be purchased separately as part of the album INdependent omen Volume II . It debuted on Canadian Hot 100 for the week of December 4 , 2010 , at number 19 and stayed on the chart for eight weeks . In South Korea , it peaked at number four on the International Chart . The song also debuted and peaked at number 160 on the UK Singles Chart due to strong digital sales upon the release of Loud .

= = Live performances = =

Rihanna performed a shortened version of the song as part of a medley with " What 's My Name ? " and " Only Girl ( In the World ) " at the American Music Awards of 2010 on November 21 , 2010 . Rihanna opened the performance singing an acappella version of " Love The Way You Lie ( Part II ) " . She was sitting on a stylized tree hovering above a field of sable @-@ colored blades of grass . Once she had finished the first frame of the song , she plummeted from the tree to the ground . She reemerged from the fog revealing a changed costume now consisting of a black @-@ and @-@ white bra top and shorts singing " What 's My Name ? " . The performance featured an accompaniment of background dancers . Rihanna then ended the performance after transitioning into " Only Girl " , which featured drummers and a background of fire for the finale .

Rihanna and Eminem performed the song together for the first time at the 53rd Grammy Awards on February 13 , 2011 as part of a medley with " I Need a Doctor " performed by Eminem , Dr. Dre , Skylar Grey and Adam Levine from Maroon 5 , who provided background vocals . The performance started with Rihanna singing on a B @-@ stage in the middle of the audience , accompanied by Adam Levine on the keys . Eminem then appeared on the main stage to perform his part of the song , whilst Rihanna made her way from the B @-@ stage to join him . The song then transitioned into " I Need a Doctor " , where Dr. Dre emerged to join up with Skylar Grey for her debut performance . The song is also included in the encore section of Rihanna 's Loud Tour , along with " Umbrella " . Rihanna performed " Love the Way You Lie ( Part II ) " at Radio 1 's Hackney Weekend on May 24 , 2012 , as the eighth song on the set list .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Personnel adapted from the liner notes of Loud .

= = Charts = =