

= Hung for the Holidays =

Hung for the Holidays is a Christmas EP by William Hung , released on October 19 , 2004 . The EP was recorded during the summer of 2004 . Like his previous album , Inspiration , the EP contains a number of cover tracks , mostly Christmas songs , as well as holiday greetings from Hung . The EP was not as commercially successful as his previous album and was panned by music critics .

= = Development and release = =

During a performance at a May 2004 Blue Jays @-@ Rangers game in Toronto , Hung revealed that he would begin work on a second album . He said that it " will include original songs and cover songs ... There will be more bands this time . That 's all I can tell you . " Hung also announced that he was taking singing lessons before starting the recording sessions . When interviewed by MTV News in June 2004 , he said that recording was " gonna be a much slower process than the first time . Right now I 'm concentrating on just picking songs ... starting to practice them and things like that . " Producers submitted the songs to Koch Records , and Hung said in the interview that the label had " some ideas and stuff , and we 'll see . It 's still early ? very , very early . "

Although Hung for the Holidays was originally scheduled for release in September 2004 , the release was moved to October . The album includes a hidden bonus track , a cover of Queen 's " We Are the Champions " , which was released as a single on June 16 , 2004 . A music video for the track debuted on the Game Show Network on June 15 to promote the channel 's " Summer of Champions " campaign . Hung performed the song live at the Universal Studios CityWalk in Universal City , California that same night . He also signed copies at f.y.e. to promote the album . A limited number of copies for the album included a fold @-@ out Christmas ornament .

= = Reception = =

Hung for the Holidays sold only 35 @,@ 000 copies . It only reached number 22 on the Billboard Independent Albums chart , and did not make the Billboard 200 chart unlike the first album , Inspiration .

Allmusic 's Stephen Thomas Erlewine gave the album one out of five stars , calling it " the cheapest @-@ sounding record in recent memory ; it sounds as if it was recorded in less time that it takes to play . " He did note Hung 's improvement as a vocalist , saying that " he sings with more confidence and at least vaguely sings something resembling the melody . " The New York Daily News called the album a cult classic .

The EP 's cover art was ranked number 2 on FW.com 's " 50 Worst Album Covers " , saying that it looks " like a scene from ? South Park ? . " It was also one of Gigwise 's " Worst Christmas Album Covers Ever " . In 2013 , The Huffington Post listed Hung 's cover of " Little Drummer Boy " from Inspiration number three on their " 17 Best Worst Christmas Songs Ever " .

= = Track listing = =

= = Personnel = =

Credits are adapted from AllMusic .

= = Chart positions = =