

= Does Anybody Hear Her =

" Does Anybody Hear Her " is a song recorded by Christian rock band Casting Crowns , released by Beach Street Records , Reunion Records , and Provident Label Group . Written by Mark Hall and produced by Mark A. Miller , it was released on September 23 , 2006 as the third single from the band 's 2005 album Lifesong . An alternative CCM and adult contemporary song , " Does Anybody Hear Her " relates the story of a girl who is being pushed away by the Christian church as well as the message that condemning other people is wrong .

" Does Anybody Hear Her " received positive reviews from most music critics , many of whom praised the song 's lyrical theme . It was successful on Christian radio , peaking at number one on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs and Hot Christian AC charts ; it also topped the Radio & Records Christian AC and Soft AC / Inspirational charts . It ranked at number thirty @-@ three on the 2000s decade @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart and number forty @-@ six on the 2000s decade @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart .

= = Background and production = =

According to lead vocalist Mark Hall , " Does Anybody Hear Her " is about a girl " who is making all the wrong decisions and about how " and how the Christian church is not there for her . Hall began writing the song around 2000 about a girl in his youth group ; it ultimately encompassed around 15 @-@ 20 girls who due to their father not being there for them tried to find intimacy elsewhere , ultimate " [giving] themselves away to the first person who loves them " . Hall said that " We [the Christian church] attach identities to people , saying , ' It ? s too late to reach this person , ' or ' This person here , there ? s still some good there , so we should try on this one , ' or ' This one ? s a lost cause , we just need to get him out of here ' . That ? s a scary place to live if you ? re that person ? if you didn ? t make the church ? s ' list ' " .

" Does Anybody Hear Her " was written by Mark Hall . It was produced by Mark A. Miller and recorded and mixed by Sam Hewitt at Zoo Studio in Franklin , Tennessee . Additional recording was done at Lifesong Studio in McDonough , Georgia . The song was mastered by Richard Dodd and engineered by Dale Oliver and John Lewis Lee III . The strings on the song were arranged by Bobby Huff and were recorded at Little Big Studio by Boeho Shin and Daewoo Kim .

= = Composition = =

" Does Anybody Hear Her " is a song with a length of four minutes and twenty @-@ eight seconds . According to the sheet music published by Musicnotes.com , it is set in common time in the key of F major (although the band usually performs the song live in the key of E major) and has a tempo of 77 beats per minute . Mark Hall 's vocal range in the song spans from the low note of C4 to the high note of F5 . A ballad , " Does Anybody Hear Her " is an alternative CCM and adult contemporary song . Lyrically , the song relates the story of a young woman who is being pushed away by the Christian church . It delivers the message that condemning other people is wrong and that the Christian church is being too judgmental of pregnant teenagers .

= = Critical reception = =

" Does Anybody Hear Her " received positive reviews from most music critics . Kim Jones of About.com called the song her favorite off of Lifesong . Jared Johnson of Allmusic praised the song as an example of " Mark Hall 's artistic balladry " . Deborah Evans Price of Billboard described it as " potent " . David McCreary of CCM Magazine felt that the song 's " softer cadence " didn 't diminish its " hard @-@ hitting message " . Although describing it as " poignant " , Russ Breimeier of Christianity Today felt the song was too broad in scope . John DiBiase of Jesus Freak Hideout described " Does Anybody Hear Her " as " a step backwards from the opening tracks [of Lifesong] " but felt that its musical tone " still works in the grand scheme of the song 's message " .

= = Release and chart performance = =

" Does Anybody Hear Her " was released to Christian AC and Soft AC / Inspirational radio on September 23 , 2006 . It debuted at number twenty @-@ four on the Billboard Hot Christian Songs for the chart week of November 4 , 2006 . It advanced to number five in its seventh chart week and to number four in its twelfth chart week . In its fifteenth chart week , " Does Anybody Hear Her " hit the number one position , which it held for six consecutive weeks . In total , it spent thirty @-@ three weeks on the Hot Christian Songs chart . It also peaked at number one on the Billboard Hot Christian AC and Radio & Records Christian AC and Soft AC / Inspirational charts .

" Does Anybody Hear Her " ranked at number eighty @-@ nine on the 2006 year @-@ end Radio & Records Christian AC chart . It ranked at number eight on the 2007 year @-@ end Billboard Hot Christian AC chart and at number ten on the 2007 year @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart , as well as at number eight on the 2007 year @-@ end Radio & Records Christian AC chart and number thirteen on the 2007 year @-@ end Soft AC / Inspirational chart . On the decade @-@ end Billboard charts , " Does Anybody Hear Her " ranked at number thirty @-@ three on the Hot Christian AC chart and number forty @-@ six on the Hot Christian Songs chart .

= = Live performances = =

Casting Crowns performed " Does Anybody Hear Her " as the fourth song on their set list at a concert on November 12 , 2005 at the Stabler Arena in Bethlehem , Pennsylvania . They performed it as the eleventh song on their setlist at a concert on February 4 , 2010 at the Sprint Center in Kansas City , Missouri . As part of an acoustic set at a concert on February 28 , 2010 in Hershey , Pennsylvania .

= = Track listing = =

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" Does Anybody Hear Her " ? 4 : 28

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits lifted from the album liner notes of Lifesong .

= = Charts = =

= = Release and radio history = =