

= Remember the Time =

" Remember the Time " is a single by American singer @-@ songwriter Michael Jackson recorded at Record One Studios . The song was released by Epic Records on January 14 , 1992 , as the second single from Jackson 's eighth studio album , Dangerous . Written and composed by Teddy Riley , Michael Jackson and Bernard Belle , the song was produced by Riley and Jackson . " Remember the Time " was a successful attempt by Jackson to create a dance @-@ oriented , new jack swing @-@ flavored jam with the accompaniment of co @-@ producer Riley . The lyrics are about remembering being in love with someone .

" Remember the Time " was generally well received by contemporary critics . The song was commercially successful , peaking at number three on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart and number one on Billboard 's R & B singles chart . Internationally , the song was a top ten hit in nine countries , peaking at number one in New Zealand , as well at number two in Spain and three in the United Kingdom . The song reached the top twenty in all major territories . A nine @-@ minute music video directed by John Singleton , marketed as a " short film " , was released for the song . The video is set in ancient Egypt and features appearances by Eddie Murphy , Iman , Tommy " Tiny " Lister and Magic Johnson .

= = Background and composition = =

" Remember the Time " was released as the second single from Michael Jackson 's eighth studio album , Dangerous on January 14 , 1992 . The song was written by Teddy Riley , Michael Jackson and Bernard Belle , and was produced by Riley and Jackson . " Remember the Time " is three minutes fifty nine seconds long . The song 's music was compared to Jackson 's 1979 single , " Rock with You " from his Off the Wall album . The song was rumored to be about Jackson 's relationship with Debbie Rowe in the late 1980s and early 1990s . Co @-@ writer Teddy Riley , who was quoted to have said so in an interview with the Los Angeles Times in 1996 , denied the song being about Rowe in 2011 in reply to a fan on Twitter .

However , it should also be mentioned that when the single was originally released in 1992 , Jackson dedicated the song with love to Diana Ross . Jermaine Jackson also confirmed this in his book , " You Are Not Alone : Michael : Through a Brother 's Eyes . " On page 194 Jermaine writes , " ... that song was , as Michael told me , written with Diana Ross in mind ; the one great love that , as far as he was concerned , escaped him . "

" Remember the Time " is a new jack swing song . The lyrics recall a youthful love affair : " Do you remember when we fell in love / We were young and innocent then " . The song is set in the key of an original F Minor with Jackson 's voice range from Eb3 to C5 . The song 's tempo is moderate at 116 beats per minute .

" Remember the Time " did not feature on the setlist for the Dangerous World Tour , but it was rehearsed . At the 1993 Soul Train Music Awards , the song won the award for Best R & B / Soul Single - Male . Jackson appeared with an injured foot and on crutches , but was able to perform the song seated in a chair , surrounded by dancers . However , it was later claimed that this was a publicity stunt to promote the single , and Jackson was in fact not injured .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

" Remember the Time " was generally well received by contemporary music critics . Martin Short , a writer for Allmusic , commented that the album Dangerous had " plenty " of " professional craftsmanship at its peak " because of " such fine singles " like " In the Closet " and " Remember the Time " . Erlewine listed " Remember the Time " as being a highlight from Dangerous . Alan Light , a writer for Rolling Stone , stated that he felt " Remember the Time " was the " most lighthearted

musical track on the album " and described the song 's lyrics as telling of a " blissful romance only to ask , ' So why did it end ? ' " Jon Parales of The New York Times commented that " titles like ' Remember the Time ' , ' She Drives Me Wild ' and ' Give in to Me ' " tell the lyrics ' " whole story - though they don 't suggest the wretched tone he has when he sings them . " Richard Harrington , a writer for The Washington Post , described " Remember the Time " as being " wistful , " commenting that he felt that the song featured Jackson 's " least affected vocal performance " but that it " builds an engaging , radio @-@ friendly momentum " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

" Remember the Time " peaked at number three on the Billboard Hot 100 on March 7 , 1992 , five weeks after the single release . The song saw similar success on other Billboard charts ; topping the R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs on March 7 , and peaking at number two in Dance / Club Play Songs on April 4 , 1992 , and number 15 in Adult Contemporary on March 21 in the same year . The song peaked at number two on Billboards Hot Dance Music / Maxi Singles Sales . It was certified Gold by the Recording Industry Association of America for the shipment of over 500 @,@ 000 units in the United States in March 1992 . The song saw similar commercial success internationally , charting in the top 20 in all major territories at the time of its release . In the United Kingdom , " Remember the Time " first entered the chart on February 15 , 1992 , placing at number six . The following week , on February 22 , the song charted at number three , where it peaked ; the song remained on the charts for a total of eight weeks .

" Remember the Time " topped the New Zealand charts for two consecutive weeks , having first entered the chart at number three on February 23 . It peaked at number four in the Netherlands and Switzerland . The song also charted within the top ten on the French , Australian , Swedish , Italian , and Norwegian charts ; peaking at number five , six , eight and ten . It charted in the top 20 , peaking at number 16 , in Austria . Having been re @-@ issued for Jackson 's Visionary campaign in 2006 , " Remember the Time " peaked at number two in Spain on the charts issue date on May 14 , 2006 . After Jackson 's death in June 2009 , his music saw a surge in popularity . In the United Kingdom , on the chart of July 11 , the song re @-@ entered at number 81 .

= = Music video = =

As part of promotion for " Remember the Time " , a music video , which was filmed in mid @-@ January 1992 , was released . Prior to the release of the video , Jackson 's record label promoted it by releasing clips , as well as releasing behind the scenes clips of making the video . The nine @-@ minute video was promoted as a " short film " . It premiered on MTV , Fox and Black Entertainment Television on February 2 , 1992 . After the video premiered on MTV , the channel aired a " rockumentary " called " More Dangerous Than Ever " which included glimpses of the making of the video . Jackson 's record label would not release the video 's budget figures . Directed by John Singleton and choreographed by Fatima Robinson , the video was an elaborate production and became one of Jackson 's longest videos at over nine minutes . It was set in ancient Egypt and featured groundbreaking visual effects and appearances by Eddie Murphy , Iman , The Pharcyde , Magic Johnson , Tom " Tiny " Lister , Jr. and Wylie Draper , who portrayed Jackson as an adult in the made for TV movie The Jacksons : An American Dream and died shortly after appearing in this video . The video also featured Michael 's first on screen kiss .

Jackson appears in the video as a hooded wizard who enters an Egyptian palace and attempts to entertain the Pharaoh 's bored Queen . Two other entertainers have failed , and she has sent them to be executed . The Queen sees that this wizard is different ? instead of juggling or eating fire , he walks up the steps to her throne and sings to her , asking her if she " remembers the time " they were together . The Pharaoh (played by Murphy) hardly appreciates this move and summons his guards . Jackson runs away to another room and begins elaborate , Egyptian @-@ style choreography with the Pharaoh 's servants . When the guards find him , the servants disappear as does Jackson , in a swirl and a cloud of golden dust . In the video , Jackson was dressed in a

costume made of gold satin . He wore golden chain mail , a white skirt with a phallic dangling sash , black pants and black boots . This video features a physically complicated dance routine that became the centerpiece of other videos from the Dangerous album .

The music video was generally well received by music critics . Ira Robbins of Entertainment Weekly described " Remember the Time " as being a " gorgeous ancient Egyptian extravaganza " video . The music video appeared on the video albums : Dangerous ? The Short Films , Video Greatest Hits ? HIStory and Michael Jackson 's Vision . The music video , along with other videos from Dangerous , was frequently shown on MTV .

= = Official remixes = =

Album version ? 3 : 59

A cappella ? 3 : 35

New Jack Mix ? 6 : 48

New Jack Main Mix ? 6 : 50

New Jack Radio Mix ? 4 : 00

New Jack Jazz (21) ? 5 : 06

12 " Main Mix ? 4 : 47

7 " Main Mix ? 3 : 59

Bonus Beats 3 ? 4 : 46

Silky Soul 12 " Mix ? 7 : 05

Silky Soul 7 " Mix ? 4 : 18

Silky Dub ? 6 : 17

E @-@ Smoove 's Late Nite Mix ? 7 : 20

E @-@ Smoove 's Late Nite Dub ? 5 : 35

Maurice 's Underground Mix ? 7 : 29

Mo @-@ Mo 's Instrumental ? 5 : 20

" Remember the Time " / " Bad (Immortal version) ? 4 : 39

= = Charts and certifications = =

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= = = End of year charts = = =

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= = Personnel = =

Written and composed by Teddy Riley , Michael Jackson and Bernard Belle

Produced by Teddy Riley and Michael Jackson

Recorded and mixed by Bruce Swedien , Teddy Riley and Dave Way

Solo and background vocals , vocal arrangement by Michael Jackson

Keyboards , synthesizers , Drum Programming and synthesizer arrangements by Teddy Riley

Sequencing and programming by Wayne Cobham