

= Contigo Quiero Estar =

" Contigo Quiero Estar " (English : " With You , I Want To Be ") is a song recorded by American recording artist Selena for her debut studio album Selena (1989) . It was released by EMI Latin on May 27 , 1989 , as the album 's lead single alongside " Quiero Ser " . Lyrically , the song explores the narrator 's feelings of wanting to be closer romantically with her lover . Composed by Mexican songwriter Alejandro Montealegre , " Contigo Quiero Estar " is a Tejano song with folk and ranchera influences . Deborah Vargas wrote in her book that the single " marked the beginning of her [Selena 's] international trajectory " . Many other recording artists have covered the song .

= = Background and composition = =

In 1989 , Selena signed a recording contract with EMI Latin , and that same year , began recording songs for her debut album with them . According to Selena 's record producer ? sibling A.B. Quintanilla III ? EMI Latin did not want A.B. to produce any songs for Selena 's debut album . He explained to an interview with Brian " Red " Moore , a family friend who overshadowed the Selena : 20 Years of Music collection interviews , that the recording company was already gambling on releasing a Latin division , and hesitated any family involvement that could hinder the sales of the album .

Selena 's father and manager , Abraham Quintanilla , Jr. expressed that he tried to persuade the recording company to give A.B. a try . After this , A.B. was allowed to produce Selena 's songs for her album , including " Contigo Quiero Estar " . Mexican songwriter Alejandro Montealegre , sent in lyrics to a song he wrote to EMI Latin . They instantly wanted Selena to record it for her album , believing it fit well with her other recorded materials . The song makes use of the drums , an electronic keyboard , a french horn , and the piano . Lyrically , " Contigo Quiero Estar " talks about the narrator 's feelings for her lover , who wants to be by his side constantly .

= = Critical reception and covers = =

Deborah Vargas wrote in her book Dissonant Divas in Chicana Music : The Limits of la Onda that the song marked " the beginning of her [Selena 's] international trajectory " . Mexican band Los Reyes De Mexico recorded a mariachi version of the song on their album Reyes De Mexico Lo Lindo Ti . Puerto Rican band Orquesta Armonia Show recorded both a merengue and a cumbia version , which were included on their album Merengues y Cumbias .

= = Track listing = =

CD Single

" Contigo Quiero Estar " ? 3 : 49

" Quiero Ser " ? 2 : 33

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits are taken from the album 's liner notes .

= = Books = =

Peña , Manuel (2002) , Música tejana : the cultural economy of artistic transformation , Texas A & M University Press , ISBN 9780890968888