

= Elastic Heart =

" Elastic Heart " is a song by Australian singer Sia featuring Canadian singer The Weeknd and American producer Diplo , taken from the soundtrack for the 2013 American film The Hunger Games : Catching Fire . Andrew Swanson assisted the artists in writing the song , with production handled by Diplo and American producer Greg Kurstin . It was released on 1 October 2013 as a single from Catching Fire by RCA , Republic and Lionsgate .

" Elastic Heart " was well received by music critics and peaked at number 7 on the singles chart of New Zealand and was certified gold by the Recorded Music NZ . It also appeared on the charts of Australia , Belgium , Switzerland and the United Kingdom . In 2014 , Sia re @-@ recorded a solo version of " Elastic Heart " for her sixth studio album 1000 Forms of Fear . The solo version was released in 2015 as a single from the album and was accompanied by a controversial music video that features actor Shia LaBeouf and dancer Maddie Ziegler . The video was the 8th most viewed YouTube music video in 2015 .

= = Release and composition = =

" Elastic Heart " was released as the second single from the soundtrack for The Hunger Games : Catching Fire (2013) . The song was made available for digital download on 1 October 2013 . It was sent to US rhythmic contemporary radio by RCA Records , Republic Records and Lionsgate Films on 8 October 2013 .

A power ballad , Hilary Hughes of The Village Voice named " Elastic Heart " a " grand , full electropop production , " while Aimee Cliff from Fact characterised the song as " a pop song that bounces like rubber . " Meanwhile , Rolling Stone reviewer Julianne Shepherd called it a trap song . Its lyrics address " the overwhelming strength [Sia] needed to convince herself that life was worth living after coming out of a crushing relationship . " Having the chord progression of D ? A ? E ? F ? m , the song is composed in the key of F # minor .

In the deluxe version of 1000 Forms of Fear , this song was released as Elastic Heart (piano version) as a piano ballad .

= = Reception = =

Blue Sullivan of Slant Magazine wrote that " ' Elastic Heart ' is a seamless and highly successful team @-@ up that reads like a grimier after @-@ market version of Lady Gaga 's ' Do What U Want ' . " Spin magazine 's Chris Martins stated that " Sia soared " and it was a " bubbling ballad , " and Bradley Stern of MuuMuse claimed it was " a perfectly chaotic combination . " " Elastic Heart " debuted at number 67 on the Australian ARIA Singles Charts on the chart issue dated 14 October 2013 . The single also charted at number 27 on the Walloon Ultratip , and number 36 in Switzerland . The song fared better in New Zealand , peaking at number 7 on the national singles chart and was certified gold by the Recorded Music NZ (RMNZ) . In the United Kingdom , " Elastic Heart " debuted at number 79 on the UK Singles Chart on 12 October 2013 . On 17 January 2015 , the single re @-@ entered the chart at number 61 .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits for " Elastic Heart " are adapted from The Hunger Games : Catching Fire soundtrack digital inlay cover .

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =

= = Sia solo version = =

In 2014 , Sia recorded a solo version of " Elastic Heart " for her sixth studio album , 1000 Forms of Fear . It was released on 9 January 2015 by RCA as the fourth single from the album . Annie Zaleski from The AV Club labelled " Elastic Heart " a " striking power ballad , " while AllMusic 's Heather Phares picked the song as one of the three standouts from the album , alongside " Chandelier " and " Eye of the Needle " . Aimee Cliff from Fact named it a " great example of how only Sia can truly rock a song written for (rather than by) Sia . "

In Italy , " Elastic Heart " impacted contemporary hit radio on 9 January 2015 . " Elastic Heart " debuted at number 8 on the ARIA Singles Chart on the chart issue dated 19 January 2015 . The following week , the song rose to number 5 . The Australian Recording Industry Association certified it 3 × Platinum , which denotes shipments exceeding 210 @,@ 000 copies in Australia . In the United States , " Elastic Heart " debuted at number 17 on the Billboard Hot 100 on the issue chart dated 24 January 2015 , becoming the week 's " Hot Shot Debut " . The song was later certified double platinum for digital sales of two million copies in the United States . In the United Kingdom , the single peaked at number 10 on the UK Singles Chart on 5 April 2015 and has since been certified Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry .

= = = Music video = = =

On 7 January 2015 , the music video for the song was released . Directed by Sia and Daniel Askill and choreographed by Ryan Heffington , the video features Maddie Ziegler , who previously appeared in the video for Sia 's single " Chandelier " , and actor Shia LaBeouf . In the video , Ziegler and LaBeouf wear nude and dirt @-@ smeared outfits . Justine Harman from Elle likened the concept of the video to the plot of Titanic . Jason Lipshutz from Billboard summarised : " The entirety of the video features the surprising pair interpreting the song through various body contortions : they dance @-@ fight , collapse in the middle of the cage , crawl toward and away from each other , and make some wildly fantastic facial expressions . "

The video was nominated for the 2015 VMA Award for Best Female Video . Billboard selected the video as one " of the 10 best music videos of 2015 (so far) " , as did PopCrush , commenting that the video 's " lopsided choreography and filthy warfare yields a raw , junkyard beauty that doesn ' t ask who will make it out alive , but whether escape is ever really on the table . " New York magazine 's Vulture.com ranked it # 6 on its list of 2015 's top 10 music videos . As of July 2016 , the video had received more than 650 million views on YouTube . It was the 8th most viewed YouTube video in 2015 .

= = = = Controversy = = = =

Upon its release , the video faced criticism due to the depiction of an adult and child dancing together , clad only in beige dancewear . Some commentators perceived the piece as pedophilic , and Sia later apologized on Twitter : " All I can say is Maddie and Shia are two of the only actors I felt could play these two warring ' Sia ' self states . I apologize to those who feel triggered by ' Elastic Heart ' . My intention was to create some emotional content , not to upset anybody . "

= = = Live performances = = =

On 17 January 2015 , Sia performed " Elastic Heart " on Saturday Night Live . For the performance , Sia sang the song with a short black veil covering the top half of her face , while Ziegler recreated the dance routine in the music video wearing a nude leotard and blonde wig . Later that month , Sia made a live rendition of the song on The Ellen DeGeneres Show . She also performed the song on The Voice UK on 28 March and The Voice US on 7 April 2015 .

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