

= You Make Me Wanna ... =

" You Make Me Wanna ... " is a song by American recording artist Usher . It was released by LaFace Records and Arista Records as the lead single from Usher 's second studio album , My Way on August 12 , 1997 . " You Make Me Wanna ... " was written by Usher along with Jermaine Dupri and Manuel Seal , who both produced the tune . An R & B , soul and pop ballad in C minor , it makes use of acoustic guitar , hi @-@ hat and bell instrumentation . The song focuses on a love triangle relationship , with the protagonist wishing to leave his girlfriend for his erstwhile best friend , with a hook in which Usher states , " You make me wanna leave the one I 'm with and start a new relationship with you " . The record received favorable reviews from critics , and won a Billboard Music Award , a Soul Train Music Award , and a WQHT Hip Hop Award , and was nominated for a Grammy Award .

" You Make Me Wanna ... " appeared on several record charts , topping the UK Singles Chart and the US Hot R & B Singles , logging the second @-@ longest run by a male artist on the latter . It also reached the top ten on the Billboard Hot 100 , US Pop Songs , Canadian Singles Chart , Dutch Top 40 and ARIA Singles Chart . An accompanying music video , directed by Bille Woodruff , shows Usher dancing in various colored rooms and backgrounds , and uses an effect which creates several clones of Usher .

= = Background and composition = =

Usher wrote " You Make Me Wanna ... " with Jermaine Dupri and Manuel Seal , who also produced and played musical instruments on the tune . Phil Tan was in charge of recording the song at the Somewhere in College Park recording studio , in College Park , Georgia . Tan and Dupri mixed the record with assistance from John and Brian Frye at Studio LaCoCo , in Atlanta , Georgia . " You Make Me Wanna ... " draws from the genres of R & B , soul and pop , and heavily utilizes the acoustic guitar , while also incorporating hi @-@ hat and bell instrumentation . According to Universal Music Publishing Group 's sheet music published at Musicnotes.com , " You Make Me Wanna ... " is written in the key of E ? major with a moderate tempo of 88 beats per minute . Usher 's voice extends from the low note of B ? 3 to the high note of C6 . The ballad has a basic sequence of Cm ? Fm7 ? A ? ? G ? G / B as its chord progression . In the song , Usher attempts to seduce his partner 's best friend , whom he finds irresistible , creating a love triangle . The song 's lyrics are written in second @-@ person narrative , and its hook is the pick @-@ up line , " You make me wanna leave the one I 'm with and start a new relationship with you " . Usher told Rolling Stone that the song was inspired by one of his own memories of " juggling three women " .

= = Release and reception = =

" You Make Me Wanna ... " was distributed by LaFace Records and Arista Records . It was released via maxi single on August 5 , 1997 . A remixes maxi single was made available in the United States on September 9 , 1997 , and in Germany on October 13 , 1997 . " You Make Me Wanna ... " was released via cassette single , CD single and 12 " vinyl in the UK on January 12 , 1998 . The vinyl was made available in the US on April 24 , 2001 . Unauthorized copies of the song were distributed in Europe before its release , due to its popularity . " You Make Me Wanna ... " serves as the opening track to Usher 's second studio album , My Way , while an extended version concludes the album .

= = = Critical reception = = =

Robert Christgau noted " You Make Me Wanna ... " as one of the best tracks from My Way . Entertainment Weekly 's Whitney Pastorek gave the song an A- rating , and complimented its minimal production . According to Ann Powers of The New York Times , the song " put the spice back in the word ' relationship ' " . A writer for The Vindicator wrote , " The song is a melodic blend of

Usher 's smooth , youthful voice and a strong , upbeat rhythm track . Billy Johnson Jr. of Yahoo ! Music commended the production on " You Make Me Wanna ... " , along with that of " Nice and Slow " and " My Way " , the second and third singles from My Way , respectively . The Daily News reviewer called the single " very wonderful " . When reviewing My Way , Ian Hyland from Sunday Mirror stated that , " Tracks like ' You Make Me Wanna ... ' , ' Nice And Slow ' and ' Slow Jam ' should put you in the mood " . BBC Music 's Christian Hopwood stated that " You Make Me Wanna ... " had " universal appeal " . On Valentine 's Day 2004 , VH1 listed the song at number six on its " Top 10 Sexy Tunes " for the holiday .

" You Make Me Wanna ... " won Usher the Billboard award for Pop Singer of the Year , and the Best R & B / Soul Single , Male category at the 1998 Soul Train Music Awards . Radio station WQHT awarded it the title of Best R & B Song at its inaugural Hip Hop Awards . The singer also received a Grammy Award nomination for Best Male R & B Vocal Performance for the song at the 40th Grammy Awards , but lost to R. Kelly 's " I Believe I Can Fly " . In the 1997 Pazz & Jop critics ' poll administered by The Village Voice , " You Make Me Wanna ... " tied for thirtieth place in the singles category with Radiohead 's " Paranoid Android " .

= = = Commercial performance = = =

" You Make Me Wanna ... " debuted at number twenty @-@ five on the Billboard Hot 100 on the chart dated August 23 , 1997 . On October 25 , 1997 it reached its peak position of number two , where it remained for seven weeks during the 14 @-@ week reign of Elton John 's smash " Candle In The Wind 1997 " . In November 1998 , the song fell off the chart after forty @-@ six charting weeks . On the Hot R & B Singles component chart , " You Make Me Wanna ... " debuted at number four on August 23 , 1997 , before topping the chart two weeks later . In its first week of release , " You Make Me Wanna ... " received 1 @,@ 329 spins , and by early October 1997 , the song had made fifty million listener impressions on US R & B radio . The record spent a total of eleven weeks atop the R & B / Hip Hop Songs , and seventy @-@ one weeks within the chart 's 100 positions . " You Make Me Wanna ... " stood as the song with the longest run on the genre chart by a male artist until K 'Jon 's " On the Ocean " lasted longer in 2010 . It also spent twenty @-@ nine weeks on the Pop Songs chart , peaking at number seven . On September 3 , 1997 , " You Make Me Wanna ... " received a gold certification from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) , denoting 500 @,@ 000 shipments , and later that month it was upgraded to platinum status for shipments exceeding one million copies . Though its certification status was not further renewed , it ultimately went on to sell over two million copies domestically . The song ranked at number eighty @-@ eight on the Billboard Hot 100 " All @-@ Time Top Songs " , published in July 2008 .

" You Make Me Wanna ... " entered the UK Singles Chart at number one , on the chart dated January 31 , 1998 . That same week the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) awarded the song a silver certification for shipping 200 @,@ 000 units . It only spent one week on top of the chart , being replaced by Aqua 's " Doctor Jones " . " You Make Me Wanna ... " slipped off the chart in May 1998 , having had thirteen charting weeks . The BPI has since re @-@ certified the single gold for shipping over 400 @,@ 000 copies . The song entered the Canadian Singles Chart at number eighty @-@ six on November 10 , 1997 . It peaked at number six , lasting twenty @-@ two weeks in the chart . In Europe , the song reached the top twenty in France , Germany , Norway and Switzerland , and peaked at number seven in the Netherlands . It spent sixteen weeks in the Australian Singles Chart , climaxing at number six , and was certified gold by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) , having shipped 35 @,@ 000 copies . " You Make Me Wanna ... " reached number fifteen on the New Zealand Singles Chart , occupying twenty @-@ six weeks in the chart . The Recording Industry Association of New Zealand certified the song gold .

= = Music video and live performances = =

The accompanying music video for " You Make Me Wanna ... " was directed by Bille Woodruff . It starts with Usher sitting in an orange wall recess , reaching for a guitar , before cutting to a scene of

him standing in a white @-@ and @-@ purple circular room , wearing an open shirt . It moves to a blue backdrop where Usher advances , flanked by four dancers . The scene is replaced by five clones of Usher dancing and sitting on chairs . The video continues with the singer performing dance routines throughout ; interspersed are scenes of Usher singing the song on a background of blue pipes . Toward the end of the video , he takes off his shirt in the circular room , and finally Usher and his backup dancers step out of their shoes and walk away .

Usher performed " You Make Me Wanna ... " on December 31 , 1997 on Dick Clark 's New Year 's Rockin ' Eve , a countdown show to the 1998 New Year . He also sang it on the sitcom Moesha while portraying his character , Jeremy Davis .

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= = Certifications = =