

= El Chico del Apartamento 512 =

" El Chico del Apartamento 512 " (English : The Guy from Apartment 512) is a song recorded by American recording artist Selena for her fourth studio album , Amor Prohibido (1994) . It was released along with " Fotos y Recuerdos " in January 1995 , serving as its b @-@ side track . Written by Ricky Vela , " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " is a cumbia song with influences of Colombian and South American music . Lyrically , the song describes a female protagonist who knocks on her love interest 's apartment door (number 512) and is heartbroken when his girlfriend answers it . Justino Aguilar of Billboard magazine , called " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " as one of Selena 's " most memorable songs " . The track posthumously peaked at number one on the U.S. Billboard Regional Mexican Digital Songs chart in 2011 .

= = Background and composition = =

" El Chico del Apartamento 512 " was written by Ricky Vela , the keyboardist of Selena y Los Dinos . The song was co @-@ written by Selena 's brother @-@ producer A.B. Quintanilla who , along with Argentine musician Bebu Silvetti , served as producers . Musicologist Howard Blumenthal called the song 's production " perfect " in his book The World Music CD Listener 's Guide (1998) .

" El Chico del Apartamento 512 " is a Spanish @-@ language cumbia with influences of Colombian and South American music . Vela said in a 2002 interview that the track was " the least Tejano music song " because of its musically diverse sounds . Musicologists Ilan Stavans and Harold Augenbraum called the song " brassy " and noticed how the lyrics are constructed in story @-@ song form . The " 512 " in the song 's title is a reference to Corpus Christi , Texas ' former area code . The recording is written in the key of C major and is played in a moderate groove of 102 beats per minute . It incorporates music from several musical instruments , including the french horn , violin and piano .

" El Chico del Apartamento 512 " is musically similar to Selena 's 1994 single " Bidi Bidi Bom Bom " ; author James E. Perone called them recurring themes where the protagonist is " attracted to a young man " . Lyrically , Selena is heartbroken after knocking on her love interest 's apartment door (number 512) and finding his girlfriend answering it and asking " are you looking for my brother ? " . Italian essayists Gaetano Prampolini and Annamaria Pinazzi called the song a " funny love reversal " .

= = Critical reception and legacy = =

Justino Aguilar of Billboard magazine , called " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " as one of her " most memorable songs " . " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " was later reworked and included on Selena 's posthumously released remix / duet album Enamorada de Ti (2012) . Writer Joey Guerra of the San Antonio Express @-@ News , called it a " bouncy cumbia " that was " taken down a few notches to a chirpy midtempo . " and wrote that the new sound is " not bad , but it loses a lot of the melody 's force . " Guerra believed American entertainer Selena Gomez (who was featured on " Bidi Bidi Bom Bom " for the album) should have been used on " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " instead . Domingo Banda of the Semana News called " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " a " relaxed reggae " track . Brian Galindo of BuzzFeed called " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " danceable and " catchy " .

Selena performed the song on her final performance on March 19 , 1995 during the Calle Ocho Festival in Miami , which attracted over 100 @,@ 000 fans . Selena was shot and killed by Yolanda Saldívar , her friend and former manager of the singer 's Selena Etc. clothing boutiques , on March 31 , 1995 . The song is still played at events throughout Texas . Since its release , the song has been included on music critics " best of Selena songs " list including BuzzFeed (at number ten) , and Latina magazine (at number six) . American singer Kris Melody and Mexican group Los Tigrillos recorded the song for the tribute album Mexico Recuerda a Selena (2005) . Mexican singer Graciela Beltrán performed and recorded " El Chico del Apartamento 512 " for the live

televised tribute concert Selena ¡ VIVE ! in April 2005 . Dominican bachata singer Antony Santos recorded the song for his album Ay ! Ven (2006) .

= = Track listing = =

US Single

" Fotos y Recuerdos " ? 2 : 45

" El Chico del Apartamento 512 " ? 3 : 29

= = Charts = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from Amor Prohibido liner notes .