

= Lay You Down =

" Lay You Down " is a song by American R & B recording artist Usher . It was written by himself , Rico Love and Dwayne Nesmith , and produced by the latter two . It was released to urban radio on September 28 , 2010 in the United States , as the third and final single from Usher 's EP , Versus , which is an extension of his sixth studio album , Raymond v. Raymond . " Lay You Down " is an R & B song , that takes influence from pop musician Prince . The song received positive reviews from critics , who praised its production and Usher 's vocals , noting the track as a stand @-@ out from Versus . It entered the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart , and peaked at number fifty @-@ six .

= Background and composition =

" Lay You Down " was written by Usher , Rico Love and Dwayne Nesmith , and produced by the latter two . Additional vocals were contributed by Love , and keyboard and programming was done by Nesmith . The song was recorded by Ian Cross at Midnight Blue Studios in Miami , Florida and mixed by Rob Marks at Circle House Studios . " Lay You Down " is an R & B song with a length of four minutes and three seconds . In an interview with music video website Vevo , Usher explained that the song is a " classic R & B baby maker " . Sara Anderson of AOL wrote that it opens " with improvisational , high @-@ pitched ' ooohs ' and base @-@ driven synth beats . " The song was released as the third and final single from Versus , an extended play released as an extension of his sixth studio album , Raymond v. Raymond (2010) .

= Reception =

Describing " Lay You Down " as one of the more sensual songs on Versus , Mark Nero of About.com wrote " the best of which might be the piano @-@ laced ' Lay You Down , ' on which Usher sings : ' This ain 't bump ' n grind , I 'll show you what love is if you let me lay you down . ' " Sarah Rodman of The Boston Globe commended Usher 's use of falsetto , whilst writing that the song " is an urgent boudoir jam that draws a neat line " ? she also commented on how it takes inspiration from both Prince and Marvin Gaye . Los Angeles Times 's Jeff Weiss also pointed out the influence from pop musician Prince , and how Usher is " unctuously cooing about wanting to be the : one who keeps your body warm . " " Lay You Down " entered the R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart on the week ending November 13 , 2010 , and peaked at number fifty @-@ six , due to strong radio play .

= Credits and personnel =

Recording locations

Vocal recording ? Midnight Blue Studios , Miami , FL .

Mixing ? Circle House Studios , Miami , FL .

Personnel

Songwriting ? Rico Love , Usher Raymond , Dwayne Nesmith

Production ? Rico Love , Dwayne Nesmith

Vocal recording ? Ian Cross

Mixing ? Rob Marks

Additional vocals ? Rico Love

Keyboard and programming ? Dwayne Nesmith

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Versus .

= Charts =