

= Liberty Walk =

" Liberty Walk " is a song by American recording artist Miley Cyrus , from her third studio album Can 't Be Tamed ( 2010 ) . It was written by Cyrus , Antonina Armato , Tim James , Nicholas J. Scapa , John Read Fasse and Michael McGinnis , and produced by Armato , James and Paul Palmer under their stage @-@ name Rock Mafia . Cyrus explained that the theme of female empowerment was a lyrical inspiration for the song . Musically , " Liberty Walk " is an uptempo dance @-@ pop song which also contains rapped verses . Critical reception of the song was generally mixed , however , the majority of reviewers criticized the rapped verses and described the overall song as " dull " . Despite not being released as a single , " Liberty Walk " peaked at number three on the U.S. Billboard Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles chart and number 79 on the Canadian Hot 100 due to strong digital downloads .

= = Background = =

" Liberty Walk " was written by Cyrus , Nicholas J. Scapa , John Read Fasse , Michael McGinnis , Antonina Armato and Tim James . It was produced by the latter three under their stage name Rock Mafia . The song serves as the opening track of Can 't Be Tamed ( 2010 ) . In an interview with Sway Calloway for MTV News , Cyrus explained the lyrical inspiration of the song which is about female empowerment , saying : " It 's just about freeing yourself from anything you think is holding you back . And I think that 's really important , especially for girls , because so many people are told , ' No , you can 't do something , ' or , ' You need to be this because Mom and Dad say that , teachers say this . ' " Upon the making of the song , Cyrus stated in the same interview that she tried to combine a serious topic with a lighter sound , explaining : " I wrote it for women that feel like they 're stuck in abusive relationships , but it 's a dance song " . She elaborated : " So you think that must be kind of a sad ballad , but it 's a party song . ... It 's about breaking free . "

= = Composition = =

" Liberty Walk " is an uptempo dance @-@ pop song , with a length of four minutes and six seconds . According to the digital sheet music published by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , it is written in the key of B minor and is set in common time . The beat moves at 120 beats per minute . Cyrus ' vocal range in the song spans from the low note of Bb2 to the high note of F # 5 . Heather Phares of Allmusic noted the use of " bold synths and beats " . She also said that the " rapped verses " that Cyrus delivers sound " edgier " than the singer 's previous work . Cyrus opens the song by chanting " Don 't live a lie , this is your one life " . Punch Liwanag of Manila Bulletin described the song as " swanky dance " and characterised the synth sounds as " ear filling " . According to Jon Caramanica of The New York Times , Cyrus applies four different vocal strategies in the song .

= = Critical reception = =

" Liberty Walk " has received generally mixed reviews from music critics . Heather Phares of Allmusic commended the upbeat lyrics as being radio Disney @-@ friendly . Similarly , Leah Greenblatt of Entertainment Weekly described the song as a " thumping album opener " . A reviewer from Sputnik Music noted that " ' Liberty Walk ' showcases classic Miley spunk a la ' Hoedown Throwdown ' " . However some reviewers were critical of the song . Michelle Griffin of the Sydney Morning Herald concluded that " Liberty Walk " would " make Glee 's Mr Shue blush " . Glenn Gamboa of Newsday labeled it as a " loopy Jason DeRulo rip @-@ off " , and stated that " where Cyrus raps , she 's hard to take seriously . " Donald Gibson of Seattle Post @-@ Intelligencer was also unfavorable of the song , who called it a " monotonous opener " . Evan Sawdey of PopMatters noted that in " Liberty Walk " , Cyrus ' " search for a new identity renders her as anonymous and generic @-@ sounding as ever . "

= = Live performances and promotional video = =

Cyrus has performed the " Liberty Walk " at the House of Blues Sunset Strip in Los Angeles , California . She also performed the song during a concert in Melbourne , Australia . According to Julia Foskey of The Hot Hits Live from LA , Cyrus wore " raunchy leather hotpants and sequined bra " . She opened her concert with " Liberty Walk " at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre in Brisbane , Australia . In this performance , the singer wore " thigh @-@ high boots , leather shorts , killer heels and a black bustier " . The song has also been performed during Gypsy Heart Tour .

On November 23 , 2011 , Cyrus released a video which featured a remixed version of " Liberty Walk " by Rock Mafia . It features news footage of the Occupy movement that spread from Wall Street to other areas of the world . The video begins with a message saying " This is dedicated to the thousands of people who are standing up for what they believe in " . Later in the video , scenes of sign @-@ waving protesters and pepper @-@ spraying police are shown .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting , vocals ? Miley Cyrus , Antonina Armato , Tim James , Nicholas J. Scapa , John Read Fasse , Michael McGinnis

Production ? Rock Mafia

Engineering ? Steve Hammons , Adam Comstock

Editing ? Rock Mafia , Nigel Lundemo

Mixing ? Paul Palmer , Rock Mafia

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Can 't Be Tamed .

= = Charts = =

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