

= I Got You ( Leona Lewis song ) =

" I Got You " is a song performed by British singer and songwriter Leona Lewis for her second studio album , Echo ( 2009 ) . It was written by Arnthor Birgisson , Max Martin and Savan Kotecha , with production helmed by Birgisson . It was recorded by Birgisson at Westlake Recording Studios , Los Angeles , CA and The Vault , Stockholm , Sweden , who was assisted by Lewis on the songs vocal production . It was released to United States Contemporary hit radio on 8 December 2009 , and throughout Europe to download digitally on 19 February 2010 . " I Got You " is a pop ballad , and instrumentation consists of guitars and synthesizers .

The song garnered a mixed response from music critics . Peter Robinson for The Guardian wrote that " I Got You " " is an impressive distant relative of " Bleeding Love " . Other critics praised Lewis ' vocal performance and likened it to the structure of her cover of Snow Patrol 's " Run " . Despite this , some critics criticised the song for not being memorable . " I Got You " failed to achieve commercial success . It achieved a peak position of number three on the UK R & B Chart , number 14 on the UK Singles Chart , and peaked inside the top 50 singles Austria , Belgium , Germany and New Zealand .

As part of promotion for the songs release as a single , an accompanying music video was shot at Venice Beach , California , and directed by Dave Meyers . The content of the video revolves around couples who try to resolve their differences and arguments . In the video , scenes of Lewis performing in front of a heart engulfed in flames and sitting on an apartment floor barefoot are intercut . In the United States , Lewis performed the song live on the Late Show with David Letterman , whilst in the United Kingdom , she performed on multiple television shows , including So You Think You Can Dance , The Alan Titchmarsh Show and The National Lottery Draws . It was included on the set list of her debut tour , The Labyrinth ( 2010 ) .

= = Recording , production and release = =

" I Got You " was written by Arnthor Birgisson , Max Martin and Savan Kotecha for Lewis 's second studio album , Echo ( 2009 ) . Production of the song was helmed by Birgisson . It was recorded by Birgisson at Westlake Recording Studios , Los Angeles , CA and The Vault , Stockholm , Sweden . Birgisson and Lewis both handled the vocal production . It was mixed by Phil Tan at Soapbox Studios in Atlanta , Georgia , and Damien Lewis served as the assistant engineer . Background vocals were sung by Vicky Sandström and guitar was provided by Esbjörn Öhrwall . " Heartbeat " was co @-@ written by Lewis , Birgisson and Ina Wroldsen , with production of the song once again helmed by Birgisson . It was recorded by Chris Kasych at Chalice Studios , Los Angeles , CA , and The Vault in Stockholm , Sweden . It was mixed by Manny Marroquin , Christian Plata and Erik Madrid at Larrabee Studios , Universal City , CA . Strings were provided by Janson & Janson and the Czech National Symphony Orchestra , which were recorded by Marcus Bergqvist . Guitar was provided by Esbjörn Öhrwall .

In the United States , " I Got You " was released to Contemporary hit radio on 8 December 2009 . In Europe , " I Got You " was released as an A @-@ side and B @-@ side , with " I Got You " as the A @-@ side single , and " Heartbeat " , a song which does not appear on any edition of Echo , as the B @-@ side . It was released in Belgium , France , Italy , Germany , The Netherlands , Spain , and the United Kingdom , to download digitally on 19 February 2010 .

= = Composition = =

" I Got You " is a pop ballad , which lasts for a duration of 3 minutes , 49 seconds . The song was composed in the key of G major using common time with a tempo at 104 beats per minute . Lewis 's vocal range spans over two octaves , from the low note of G3 to the high note of A5 , on the song . It incorporates elements of adult contemporary music and contemporary R & B genres . Instrumentation consists of guitars and synthesizers . Fraser McAlpine for the BBC compared " I Got You " ' s structure to her cover of Snow Patrol 's " Run " . McAlpine noted that it follows the same

four chord progression as " Run " , and also is instrumentally complete with guitars . He also noted that Lewis performs the verses of " I Got You " quietly , like on " Run " , and belts the chorus , like on " Run " .

= = Critical reception = =

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= = Chart performance = =

" I Got You " failed to achieve commercial success , and managed to peak inside the top 50 singles charts in most regions . In the United Kingdom , the song debuted at number 127 on the UK Singles Chart on 6 February 2010 , two weeks before its release as single . It debuted inside the official top 40 at number 40 on 27 February 2010 , and leap to its peak position of number 14 the following week . It managed to attain more success on the UK R & B Chart ; it debuted inside to top 40 R & B singles at number 40 on 6 February 2010 , and reached its peak of number three on 6 March 2010 . In Ireland , " I Got You " debuted at number 47 on 25 February 2010 , and reached a peak of number 43 the following week . Elsewhere , " I Got You " peaked at number 30 in Austria , number 20 in the Flanders region of Belgium , number 13 on the singles chart and number 30 on the airplay chart in the Wallonia region of Belgium , number 43 in Germany , number 29 in New Zealand , and number 57 in Switzerland .

= = Music video = =

" I Got You " ' s accompanying music video was directed by Dave Meyers , and shot at Venice Beach , California on 21 December 2009 . The content of the video revolves around " several couples as they deal with the ups and downs of relationships . " Prior to the release of the video , Lewis tweeted " It 's a strong , cool performance , lots of actors with a movie feel to it . I 'm so proud of it and hope you love it ? enjoy ! " . The video was released on 12 February 2010 . In the video , scenes of Lewis performing in front of a heart engulfed in flames , as well as sitting on an apartment floor barefoot , are intercut throughout the video amongst the narrative of the video . The video shows several couples ending their relationships , showing many of them are who angry and cannot cope with the heartbreak , but progresses to show how they manage to rebuild their relationships with one and other , ending with images suggesting healing , happiness and new relationships .

= = Live performances = =

Lewis performed " I Got You " for the first at a one @-@ off private concert at the Hackney Empire in London , United Kingdom , on 2 November 2009 , which served as a taster show to Lewis 's The Labyrinth ( 2010 ) . On 2 December 2009 , the singer performed the song on The National Lottery

Draws . The following day on 3 December 2009 , Lewis on the BBC Radio 2 show Live Sessions with Ken Bruce , as part of a set list which included " Bleeding Love " , " Better in Time " , " Happy " and a her own cover of Oasis 's " Stop Crying Your Heart Out " . On 15 December 2009 , to coincide with the songs radio release in the United States , Lewis performed the song on the Late Show with David Letterman . On 21 January 2010 , Lewis appeared on BBC Radio 1 's Live Lounge where she performed " I Got You " as well as covering Oasis ' " Stop Crying Your Heart Out " for a second time , and also gave an interview as to why she decided to cover that song . On 6 February 2010 , Lewis performed " I Got You " on the semi @-@ final of So You Think You Can Dance on 6 February 2010 . Lewis also performed the song to coincide with the official release in the UK on GMTV on 22 February 2010 , Promotion of the song ended with a performance and interview The Alan Titchmarsh Show on 26 February 2010 . In late May 2010 , the song was included in the setlist for Lewis 's first concert tour , The Labyrinth .

= = Track listing = =

Digital Download

" I Got You " ? 3 : 46

" Heartbeat " ? 3 : 51

= = Credits and personnel = =

" Heartbeat " credits adapted from " I Got You " CD single , and " I Got You " credits adapted from the liner notes of Echo , Syco Music , J Records , Sony Music .

= = Charts = =

= = Release history = =