

= Move (MercyMe song) =

" Move " is a song by Christian rock band MercyMe . Written by MercyMe and Dan Muckala , " Move " is a dance @-@ rock song with a sound similar to that of pop rock band Maroon 5 . The theme of the song 's lyrics is perseverance through adversity . Released on May 23 , 2011 as the third single from MercyMe 's 2010 album The Generous Mr. Lovewell , " Move " was received with positive critical reviews , especially for the arrangement of the song . " Move " attained success as a single , peaking atop Billboard magazine 's Christian Songs , Hot Christian AC , and Christian AC Indicator charts , as well as at No. 6 on the Billboard Christian CHR chart and No. 20 on the Billboard Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles chart .

= = Background and composition = =

" Move " was written by MercyMe and Dan Muckala . It was produced by Brown Bannister and Muckala , and was recorded by F. Reid Shippen at Sonic Ranch in El Paso , Texas . Overdubs were recorded by Muckala , Bannister , and Billy Whittington at Towsensend Sound and Glomo Studio . The song was mixed by Shippen at Robot Lemon in Nashville , Tennessee and was mastered by Ted Jensen at Sterling Sound in New York .

" Move " is a dance @-@ rock song with a length of two minutes and fifty @-@ eight seconds . It is set in the key of A minor and has a tempo of 100 beats per minute , with a vocal range spanning from G4 @-@ G5 . The musical feel of " Move " has been compared to that of Maroon 5 , particularly their songs " This Love " and " Makes Me Wonder " . Lyrically , the song is about perseverance through adversity , with the narrator singing that he will ? move to a different drum no matter what life brings " . The song does not directly mention God .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

" Move " received generally positive reviews . Allmusic reviewer Jared Johnson called the song " as relevant as anything MercyMe have ever done " . Roger Gelwicks of Jesus Freak Hideout described " Move " as " an upbeat rocker complete with an infectious handclap beat " . Andy Argyrakis of Today 's Christian Music described the song as " foot stomping " , and Kevin Davis of Christian Music Review commented that the song " has a fantastic rock @-@ dance arrangement like ' This Love ' by Maroon 5 " . Tris McCall of The Star @-@ Ledger was more negative in his review , commenting that the song " sounds so much like Maroon 5 that it ? s almost embarrassing " , and that " in a music industry governed by sanity , the two songwriters [Adam Levine of Maroon 5 and Bart Millard of MercyMe] would sing shoulder to shoulder and reach a common audience " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

" Move " debuted at No. 41 on the Hot Christian Songs chart for the chart week of May 28 , 2011 , and advanced to No. 30 in its second chart week . " Move " advanced to No. 20 in its fourth chart week and to No. 9 in its tenth chart week . The song advanced to No. 5 in its twelfth chart week and spent two more weeks on the chart before advancing to No. 1 . " Move " spent a total of nine consecutive weeks atop the Christian Songs chart before dropping to No. 2 , supplanted by Casting Crowns ' " Courageous " . The song spent a total of three consecutive weeks at the No. 2 spot before falling to No. 3 . " Move " dropped to No. 6 in its twenty @-@ ninth chart week , and fell to No. 9 in its thirtieth and final week on the chart . In all , " Move " spent a total of thirty weeks on the chart , nine of them at No. 1 .

" Move " has also peaked at No. 1 on the Hot Christian AC chart , No. 1 on the Christian AC Indicator chart , No. 6 on the Christian CHR chart , and No. 20 on the Bubbling Under Hot 100 chart

, which is equivalent to No. 120 on the Billboard Hot 100 .

= = Charts = =

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