

= Mine (Taylor Swift song) =

" Mine " is a song written and performed by American singer @-@ songwriter Taylor Swift . Produced by Swift along with Nathan Chapman , it was released as the lead single from Swift 's third studio album , Speak Now (2010) by Big Machine Records . Following an unauthorized internet leak , the song was released on August 4 , 2010 , two weeks earlier than the intended release date . Swift was inspired to write " Mine " after reflecting on one of her unnamed crushes and explained that the song is about her tendency to run from love . The song contains elements of power @-@ pop and its lyrics speak of the ups and downs of a young love .

Critical reception for " Mine " was mostly positive . Swift was praised for her ability to show a mature perspective on love , although some critics called the song " formulaic " for resonating her earlier works , notably " Love Story " . The song was commercially successful , as well ; it became a top ten hit in Australia , Canada and Japan . The single was certified gold by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) . In the United States , the song entered the Billboard Hot 100 at number three , making Swift the second female artist in the history of the Hot 100 to debut multiple tracks in the top five during a calendar year after Mariah Carey did so in 1995 .

The song 's accompanying music video was directed by Roman White . The video chronicles the romantic relationship between Swift and her love interest played by British actor Toby Hemingway which ends with a marriage . The music video was met with great appraise from contemporary critics who deemed it as " rather sweet , " and " heartwarming . " The song was performed live at numerous venues to promote Speak Now . The music video received the coveted Video of the Year Award in the CMT Music Awards 2011 .

The song was featured on an episode of Glee titled " The Break Up " sung by Naya Rivera (Santana Lopez) and was also covered by Maroon 5 .

= = Background and release = =

In an interview with Rolling Stone , Swift revealed that " Mine " was inspired by an unnamed crush in mind , saying " I was reflecting back on a boy I liked at a certain time . " She also told MTV that the song is about what it would be like if she actually let her guard down . During a live Ustream chat with fans on July 20 , 2010 , Swift explained that the song is about " her tendency to run from love " after seeing many relationships end in goodbye and breakups . She continued , " I think I 've developed this pattern of sort of running away when it comes time to fall in love and to stay in a relationship . The song is sort of about finding the exception to that and finding someone who would make you believe in love and realize that it could work out . "

" Mine " was one of the fourteen tracks in Speak Now that was written solely by Swift . She also co @-@ produced the song with Nathan Chapman , who co @-@ produced all of Swift 's studio albums . It was originally planned to be released on August 16 , 2010 , however , after the leak of an unauthorized low @-@ quality mp3 file of the song , Big Machine Records decided to ship the song to country radio and iTunes twelve days earlier than planned on August 4 , 2010 . Swift commented that " a leak is so out of my comfort zone , but it ended up good in the end . It made me so emotional that I started crying . "

= = Composition = =

" Mine " is a country @-@ pop song with a length of three minutes and 52 seconds . KILT @-@ FM described " Mine " as " an uptempo song that 's unmistakably Taylor " with " a big chorus and [is] very singable . " Blake Boldt of Engine 145 explained that the song " is a mishmash of ideas bolted together by a terrific power @-@ pop chorus that will stick in your brain after the second or third listen . " The song is set in the time signature of common time , and has a moderate tempo of 120 beats per minute . It is written in the key of G major and Swift 's vocals span one octave , from G3 to D5 . It follows the chord progression of C2 ? G5 ? D5 ? C2 ? D5 . Alan Macpherson of The Guardian noted that the song " reprises the joyous rush of Swift 's breakthrough hit , " Love Story " , but

depicts love as an adult process rather than a teenage dream . "

Dave Heaton of PopMatters described the song as a " song of rebirth " with a " fairly complex " narrative . He summarized the content of the lyrics , writing " [i] t starts in the past , at the start of a relationship , and then lets us know it ? s a flashback . They ? re sitting on the couch reminiscing . It then jumps back to the beginning and steps us through the couple ? s years together , but all the while shifting perspective , jumping between their separate memories . " James Dinh of MTV noted that the song " features an uplifting country / pop melody and a big chorus " and it talks about " the wonders of being in a happy relationship after surviving a rocky past . " Priya Elan of The Guardian believed that " Mine " depicts " a stop @-@ start relationship between a normal guy and girl " . Leah Greenblatt of Entertainment Weekly interpreted the song 's message to be about " young love blossoming ? in this specific case , young college love . "

= = Critical reception = =

The song received mostly positive reviews by music critics . Rob Sheffield of Rolling Stone praised Swift 's lyrical craftsmanship , calling the song 's couplets " You made a rebel of a careless man 's careful daughter " as a " brilliant throwaway detail . " Bobby Peacock of Roughstock gave the song three @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half stars out of five , lauding its catchy yet melodious hook . However , he pointed out that the song reflects her earlier works in the first two albums and he wished that Swift would " try something a little more out of the ordinary . " Nick Levine of Digital Spy gave the song four stars out of five , commenting that although the song was " formulaic , " the formula was executed convincingly . Chrissie Dickinson of the Chicago Tribune noted that " Mine " is an epitome of Swift 's classic song @-@ craft , calling it " simple but honest expressions of emotion . " Anthony Benigno of the Daily News said that although the track is reminiscent of Swift 's previous hits , he added , " the song 's origins are grounded more in failed relationships than storybook ones . "

Blake Boldt of Engine 145 gave the song a thumbs @-@ down , criticizing Swift 's failure to deliver an expected " big payoff " through the song . He contended that this failure proves that " Swift 's songwriting skills are still raw , still needing that one last polish in order to shine . "

= = Chart performance = =

Two days after its official release , it was estimated that " Mine " would sell approximately 350 @,@ 000 digital downloads with a possible debut in the top three on the Billboard Hot 100 . On the week ending August 21 , 2010 , the song debuted at number one on the Hot Digital Songs due to 297 @,@ 000 digital downloads , which led to its appearance on the Billboard Hot 100 at number three . This consequently made Swift the second female artist in the history of the Hot 100 to have multiple tracks debut in the top five during a calendar year (the first being Mariah Carey) . With 297 @,@ 000 downloads , " Mine " became the eighth @-@ biggest debut sales week ever for a digital song , and the fourth @-@ best of 2010 . The song also debuted at number 26 on the Hot Country Songs on the week ending August 21 , 2010 , where it peaked at number two , having been blocked by Darius Rucker 's " Come Back Song " at number one on the week ending November 13 , 2010 . " Mine " also reached number one on the Adult Contemporary , number seven on the Adult Pop Songs and number 12 on the Pop Songs . At the end of 2010 , " Mine " was ranked at number 46 on the Billboard Hot 100 song of the year . On August 21 , 2014 , the song was certified triple platinum by the RIAA . As of November 2014 , " Mine " has sold 2 @.@ 2 million copies in the United States .

" Mine " achieved moderate success outside the United States . The song debuted and peaked at number seven in Canada with 15 @,@ 000 digital downloads sold in the week of August 2 , 2010 . It was certified platinum by Music Canada . On the week ending August 22 , 2010 , the song entered in Australia and peaked at number nine . It was certified gold by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) for shipments exceeding 35 @,@ 000 copies . On the week ending August 9 , 2010 , it debuted at number 30 in New Zealand , and peaked at number 16 the following week after its release . The song debuted and peaked at number 30 on the week ending October 30 , 2010 , on

the United Kingdom . In Ireland , it peaked at number 38 and spent a total of two weeks on the chart . In mainland Europe , " Mine " peaked at number 70 on the Eurochart Hot 100 Singles Chart , number 48 on Belgium (Flanders) and number 48 on Sweden .

= = Music video = =

= = = Development and release = = =

The accompanying music video for " Mine " was co @-@ directed by Swift and Roman White , who had directed Swift 's previous music videos such as " You Belong With Me " and " Fifteen . " White explained that the video features " a lot of time travel , which would explain how those two crazy kids end up with kids of their own in the end . " He further added that " the song has a lot of dark elements , but it also has a lot of happy elements " and he praised Swift for her involvement with the production of the music video . Swift chose her friend Jaclyn Jarrett , the daughter of professional wrestler Jeff Jarrett , to play the younger version of herself in the video . Kyra Angle , the daughter of professional wrestler Kurt Angle , also made an appearance in the music video . The music video was shot in Kennebunkport , Maine , where several scenes took place in Ram Island Farm , Cape Elizabeth , and Christ Church on Dane Street . Christ Church served as the venue for the wedding scene . The video features Swift getting married to a groom , played by British actor Toby Hemingway , who was cast by Swift after watching Feast of Love . She was impressed with Hemingway and thought " it would be perfect to put him in the video . " The video premiered on August 27 , 2010 , on CMT , in a live half @-@ hour special event which included a behind @-@ the @-@ scenes look of the video . Swift returned to Kennebunkport , Maine to share the premiere with local residents , which attracted approximately 800 people , including former President George H. W. Bush , who brought his grandchildren to see Swift .

= = = Synopsis = = =

The video begins with Swift entering the coffee shop . As she sits down , she notices that couple , opposite where she is sitting , is arguing , reminding Swift about her parents arguing when she was very young . Then the waiter (Toby Hemingway) comes by , just to take Swift 's order , who looks up and she infatuates him , resulting in a romantic relationship between the two . They are seen moving in together and unpacking boxes . After some time of dating , he proposes to her on a rowboat , who then cheerfully accepts it . Later , the two are seen arguing , resulting in Swift running away from the house , crying , just like she did when she was younger as she saw her parents arguing . The boyfriend follows her , and the two reconcile the relationship . They get married and have two sons . In the end , time returns to when Swift was ordering her food at coffee shop . Throughout the video , there are some scenes of Swift singing the verses of the song while walking barefoot on a green pasture amongst photos of her and her family . The photos are hanging on a white string in between two large trees . Swift is seen with her hair loose and wearing a white dress with a thin belt around the waist .

= = = Reception = = =

The video was met with great praise from critics . Tanner Stransky of Entertainment Weekly felt the video was " rather sweet " and " heartwarming " in a sense that the song " seems to have a happy ending . " Leah Collins of the Dose.ca lamented the video for its typical fairytale element even though the plot ended with a blissful marriage . She concluded her review by writing , " Swift happens to include dirty diapers and recreating scenes from The Notebook . " Tamar Anitai of MTV described the video as " a coming @-@ of @-@ age story " where Swift is depicted to endure " many adult life cycle events and major milestones . " In a different perspective , James Montgomery of MTV compared the music video with Katy Perry 's " Teenage Dream , " writing that although both

videos are " essentially about the same thing : the fantasies of young , thoroughly modern women , " the fantasies are " about as different as the women presenting them . " The Improper reviewer also compared the music video with Perry 's " Teenage Dream " and noticed that the two music videos presented two contrasting end points , writing " for Swift , it ? s a marriage , a home and babies . For Perry , it 's independence and the ability to define your own life . " To date , the video has over 212 million views on YouTube .

= = Live performances = =

On June 11 , 2010 , Swift performed the song for the first time at a small , intimate concert that aired as a part of CMA Music Festival : Country ? s Night to Rock on ABC on September 1 , 2010 . She also performed " Mine " and " You Belong With Me " at the 2010 NFL Opening Kickoff event . On October 5 , 2010 , Swift performed the song live on the Italian X Factor . On October 9 , 2010 , she performed an acoustic version of " Mine " during Grand Ole Opry 's 85th birthday celebration . She later performed the song as well as an acoustic cover of Coldplay 's " Viva la Vida " in the BBC Radio 2 studio on October 21 , 2010 .

Swift sang " Mine " on several other occasions . On October 24 , 2010 , Swift appeared on The Paul O 'Grady Show , where she performed the song . On October 25 , 2010 , Swift sang " Mine " with two other songs from Speak Now on Speak Now : Taylor Swift Live From New York City , a special programme which was streamed live on CMT.com , MTV.com , VH1.com and other MTV Networks websites in Europe , Asia , Australia and Latin America to celebrate the release of her new album . She performed the song on Today show concert on October 26 , 2010 . She was scheduled to give a live performance at JetBlue 's T5 Terminal at New York John F. Kennedy International Airport where she sang " Mine " and several songs from Speak Now .

On October 27 , 2010 , she visited Scholastic Corporation headquarters to talk about the importance of reading and writing and perform the song to a 200 grade @-@ schoolers and middle @-@ schoolers at the publisher 's downstairs auditorium . She later performed the song on Live With Regis and Kelly . On November 2 , 2010 , Swift made an appearance on Dancing With the Stars where she performed " Mine " and " White Horse " for the show 's 200th episode . Swift was invited to perform in BBC Radio 1 's first Teen Awards in London , where she sang " Mine , " " Love Story " and " Speak Now . " On November 19 , 2010 , she performed the song on the Japanese program Music Station . " Mine " is the second song on the set for the Speak Now World Tour . On December 8 , 2015 , Swift dedicated a performance of " Mine " to 17 @-@ year old Rachel Erlandsen , who had died in a car crash before she was able to attend Swift 's Australian leg of her 1989 World Tour in Brisbane .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" Mine " ? 3 : 49

European digital download and UK digital download 1

" Mine " ? 3 : 49

UK digital download 2

" Mine " ? 3 : 49

" Mine " (Music Video) ? 3 : 55

Pop Mix digital download

" Mine " (Pop Mix Version) ? 3 : 50

German and UK CD single

" Mine " ? 3 : 49

" Mine " (US version) ? 3 : 51

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =