

= My Heart Is Calling =

" My Heart Is Calling " is a song recorded by American recording artist Whitney Houston for the 1996 film The Preacher 's Wife . It was released on June 10 , 1997 as the third and final single from the accompanying soundtrack . The song was written and produced solely by Babyface . Musically , the song is an R & B ballad , with gospel music and funk influences , and the lyrics speak about meeting someone special . " My Heart Is Calling " received mainly positive reviews from music critics , who commended Houston 's soulful performance . It peaked at number 77 on the United States Billboard Hot 100 , and number 35 on Billboard Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart .

= = Composition = =

" My Heart Is Calling " was written and produced solely by Babyface . It is a moderately paced R & B ballad , composed with " a beat " . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song is written in the key of G major . The beat of the song is set in common time , and moves at a tempo of 104 beats per minute . It has the sequence of Em7 ? D / F ? ? G ? Am7 as its chord progression . Houston 's vocals in the song span from the note of D3 to the high note of E5 . According to Ted Cox , the author of the book Whitney Houston , the song sees Houston developing the low end of her range . Lyrically , " My Heart Is Calling " is a love song .

= = Critical reception = =

" My Heart Is Calling " garnered mostly positive reviews from music critics . Chris Willman of Entertainment Weekly viewed the song as a " dance @-@ floor " ballad , while Elysa Gardner of Los Angeles Times noted that the song was influenced by both gospel music and funk genres . She also wrote that the song explores Houston 's more soulful side . Billboard magazine also noted the song has an " unusually saucy groove " . According to Bob Waliszewski of Plugged In , " Houston exuberantly captures the joy of meeting a special someone " through the song .

Billboard reviewed the song favorably , writing that it is " a wonderfully refreshing release that smartly side @-@ steps her tried @-@ and @-@ true balladry in favor of a credible foray into jeep @-@ funk territory . " Steve Jones of USA Today wrote that " [the] Babyface @-@ produced My Heart Is Calling ; [...] have a spiritual feel . [They] help maintain a thematic cohesiveness that most soundtracks lack these days . " Similarly , Elysa Gardner of Los Angeles Times also reviewed the song favorably , writing that " Houston shows her soulful side with equal panache , even if she has a tendency to overdo the obligatory vocal gymnastics at times . "

= = Chart performance = =

" My Heart Is Calling " debuted at number 81 on the US Billboard Hot 100 , issue dated July 5 , 1997 . Two weeks later , the song peaked at number 77 on the chart . The following week , it dropped out of the chart . On the R & B / Hip @-@ Hop charts , the song debuted at number 43 , on the week dated June 28 , 1997 . The following week , the song ascended to number 35 , a position which became its peak .

= = Track listing = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

= = Charts = =