

= Super Rich Kids =

" Super Rich Kids " is a song by American recording artist Frank Ocean , and the fifth single from his debut studio album , Channel Orange . It was first performed live by Ocean in 2011 and then on his channel ORANGE tour in 2012 . The single was released in March 2013 . The song is in the style of R & B and neo soul , and includes references to and samples of the songs " Bennie and the Jets " by Elton John , " Got to Give It Up " by Marvin Gaye , and " Real Love " by Mary J. Blige . It addresses young , wealthy characters ' ennui and fears of the financial crisis with dry humor . The song received positive critical responses and charted on the Billboard R & B Songs chart and the UK singles and R & B chart . The song also appeared on the TV show Gossip Girl and the film The Bling Ring .

= = Background = =

" Super Rich Kids " was written by Frank Ocean , Malay , Earl Sweatshirt , Kirk Robinson , Nathaniel Robinson Jr . , Roy Hammond , Mark Morales and Mark Rooney and produced by Malay . Ocean and Malay came up with " Super Rich Kids " on their first day working together on Ocean 's debut album , channel ORANGE . According to Ocean , the 2000 film Traffic was an inspiration for the song . Ocean first performed the song during his debut solo tour in 2011 , and later performed it on the Channel Orange tour . The single release was originally announced on January 23 , 2013 . It was released in Britain on March 11 , and in the United States on the 17th .

= = Composition = =

= = = Music = = =

" Super Rich Kids " is an R & B and neo soul ballad set in common time and a slow half @-@ time groove tempo of 60 beats per minute . The key the song is in is E ? major , with a chord progression of E ? maj9 ? G ? 6 / A ? ? D ? maj7 ? B ? 7sus4 ? B ? aug followed throughout the song . The song includes a piano part that references the thumping piano line of Elton John 's 1973 song " Bennie and the Jets " , and horns and synth arpeggios are also present . According to The Quietus , " a stomping piano and the steady smack of kickdrum anchors the ghostly crowd noise from a vast débutantes ball , as the synths quiver both nauseously and as subtly as candle @-@ smoke in a floor draft . "

= = = Lyrics = = =

" Super Rich Kids " addresses young , wealthy characters ' ennui and fears of the financial crisis with dry humor . The song 's chorus takes the lyrics from Mary J. Blige 's " Real Love " . The track includes a verse from Earl Sweatshirt , which , according to Complex , is a reminder of Ocean as " OFWGKTA at the end of the day . " Paste Magazine said that " Earl 's low verses push Ocean way up into his vocal range . "

According to Sound and Motion Magazine , the track

" is exactly as the title suggests ; Frank ? s view on the children of parents who have inherited massive trust funds without the grasp of what a huge responsibility it is and the good they could do . From expensive cars to a different woman every night , the alleged social elite stumble through a charmed existence where the real world is buffered from them and then they breed a new generation with the same attitude . The track also contains brief glimpses into what he perceives as an alternative view of loneliness and isolation where all the super rich want is a love that ? s not about money or anything material . "

" Super Rich Kids " is described by Muso 's Guide as " a contemporary version of a Jay McInerney novel , " and by The Independent as " something Carole King knocked out in the 1970s . "

HipHopDX.com said that " at no point are the lyrics judgemental . If anything they ? re compassionate . " The song also takes samples from Marvin Gaye 's " Got to Give It Up " , and a reference to the 1970s sitcom Good Times (the " Dy @-@ no @-@ mite ! " catchphrase of the character J.J. Evans) .

= = Critical reception = =

The single was positively reviewed by critics . Sound and Motion magazine said that it " could easily be listened to repeatedly or just set on in the background for an evening 's entertainment . " Muso 's Guide said the song " could be viewed as one of those tail end singles from a brilliant album that doesn 't stand strong on its own (Can anyone remember ' Until The End of Time ' from FutureSex / LoveSounds or ' Broken @-@ Hearted Girl ' from I am ... Sasha Fierce ?) . Ocean , proving his talent as a songwriter , and a jaded voice for this frustrated introspective generation is able to find something profound from a superficial world . " The song became an Editor 's Pick on djbooth.net.

Critical reactions of the song in reviews of channel ORANGE were also positive . Time called the track a " stand out , tying together the album 's two themes of class and love . " Billboard , in a track @-@ by @-@ track review , said that " the steadiness of the beat is immediately familiar but wholly fresh -- it 's like Ocean snatched ' Benny and the Jets ' and threw the composition down a trap door into another universe . " No Ripcord said that " it 's so incongruous against the crass commercialism and consuming greed that pervades so much of popular culture that it 's astonishing . "

Complex listed Earl Sweatshirt 's appearance in the song # 15 on their " 25 Best Guest Verses of 2012 " .

= = In other media = =

" Super Rich Kids " appeared on the Gossip Girl episode " Monstrous Ball " , along with four other Frank Ocean tracks : " Lost " , " Pyramids " , " Sweet Life " and " Thinkin Bout You " . The song also appears as the seventeenth track on the soundtrack for the film The Bling Ring . The song was also covered by Misha B.

= = Lawsuit = =

In 2014 , record label TufAmerica filled a copyright lawsuit against Vivendi and Universal Music Group for the sampling of Mary J. Blige 's " Real Love " in " Super Rich Kids " . This was because , according to the lawsuit , the sample included a sample of " Impeach the President " .

= = Chart positions = =