

= Bound 2 =

" Bound 2 " is a song by American rapper Kanye West , featured as the final track from his sixth studio album , Yeezus ( 2013 ) . It was produced by West and Che Pope , with additional production being handled by Eric Danchick , Noah Goldstein , No ID and Mike Dean . The song features vocals from American soul singer Charlie Wilson and serves as the album 's second single . " Bound 2 " incorporates samples from " Bound " by Ponderosa Twins Plus One and the line " Uh @-@ huh , honey " from Brenda Lee 's " Sweet Nothin 's " .

The controversial music video features his wife Kim Kardashian West , topless , riding on a motorbike with West through various landscapes . " Bound 2 " received general acclaim from music critics , who referred to the song as one of the highlights of the album , comparing its soul influenced , sample @-@ based production to West 's debut studio album , The College Dropout ( 2004 ) . The song peaked at number 55 on the UK Singles Chart and 12 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart .

= = Background and composition = =

On June 1 , 2013 , West revealed the cover of his sixth studio album Yeezus and premiered a 13 @-@ second preview of " Bound 2 " . It was only one of three songs that were previewed prior to the album 's release , the others being " New Slaves " and " Black Skinhead " .

" Bound 2 " features substantial soul music samples , which critics noted as reminiscent of West 's production style in his earlier work . The song is predominantly built around a sample taken from " Bound " , a song by soul @-@ group Ponderosa Twins Plus One from their 1971 album , 2 + 2 + 1 = Ponderosa Twins Plus One . Interpolations from " Aeroplane ( Reprise ) " , written by Norman Whiteside and performed by Wee and the line " Uh @-@ huh , honey " from the song " Sweet Nothin 's " , written by Ronnie Self and performed by country singer Brenda Lee were also utilized in the song . Lee reacted to the sampling of her song on the track , saying :

As I 've said , it 's always nice to be recognized . It says a wonderful thing about Ronnie Self , who wrote the song . That 50 years after it was written , somebody in Kanye 's camp knew the song and said , ' Let 's use it . ' That 's a compliment to Ronnie .

On February 15 , 2014 , Hudson Mohawke played an original version of " Bound 2 " during a DJ set in Leeds . The earlier version features piano @-@ driven production and a much more stripped down ending compared to the album version . Rapper / Producer Tyler , The Creator revealed over Twitter that he helped produce the original version along with Hudson Mohawke .

= = Release and promotion = =

" Bound 2 " was revealed to be the second single released from Yeezus in August 2013 , following " Black Skinhead " . On September 9 , 2013 , West appeared on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon for the first time , to promote his upcoming Yeezus Tour . During his appearance , he performed " Bound 2 " with Charlie Wilson , The Roots and a male children 's choir . It was his first national television performance of the song . The song was also performed on the season premiere of Later ... with Jools Holland by West and Wilson on September 17 , 2013 . To take a more minimal approach , they were accompanied by just the song 's signature Ponderosa Twins sample and a brief piano intro for the Later ... with Jools Holland performance .

= = Critical reception = =

" Bound 2 " received universal acclaim from music critics . Rolling Stone described " Bound 2 " as " maybe the most audacious song he 's ever written , not to mention the most beautiful . " Julian Kimble of Complex called the song " a brilliant way to end the album " and wrote that it " stands out as a love song ? a dark , twisted fantasy of a love song , perhaps , but one that 's beautiful in its own way . " David Jeffries of AllMusic described " Bound 2 " as a " new wave beauty of a closer . " Writing for The A.V. Club , Evan Rytlewski referred to the song as " an overt homage to West 's

bright early production , reimagining The College Dropout 's cheerful chipmunk soul . " Dan Buyanovsky of XXL called it the album 's " emotional and musical highlight ... a perfect sendoff that reminds you of Kanye 's roots while pointing you in the direction of his future . " A writer for the Kitsap Sun cited " Bound 2 " as a " classic Yeezy effort " and " arguably the album 's best track . "

XXL positioned it at number 17 on their list of the best songs of 2013 . They said , " ' Bound 2 ' showed the doubters that he could still give them the soul @-@ soaked laments that everyone wanted , he just decided not to . But that doesn 't mean this song is a throwaway ? the video might be more of one than the song itself ? this is Kanye 's introspection colliding with his self @-@ doubt in a way that is eminently relatable to anyone with a pulse . " NME ranked " Bound 2 " at number 22 on their list of the 50 best songs of 2013 ; " in Kanye 's mind this is what constituted a pop song : sped up ' 70s soul samples , a totally unconventional structure and lyrical gems . " Pitchfork Media positioned " Bound 2 " at number 40 on their list of the top 100 tracks of 2013 . They commented , " On an album that takes itself awful seriously throughout , " Bound 2 " is something that recontextualizes the entire affair , leaving more questions than answers . "

The song was nominated for Best Rap / Sung Collaboration and Best Rap Song at the 2015 Grammy Awards .

= = Music video = =

On November 16 , 2013 , it was revealed that West would be premiering the music video for " Bound 2 " on The Ellen DeGeneres Show the following week . The Nick Knight @-@ directed music video was released on November 19 , 2013 . The video features his then @-@ fiancée Kim Kardashian , topless , riding atop West 's motorbike through Monument Valley and other landscapes . Eric Diep of XXL described it as , " a confident display of love and passion with little to no narrative . " Spin felt that " a pretty bad idea seen through so completely that it stops being a bad idea " . Tom Breihan from Stereogum found the video confusing , saying " it 'll take a little bit to figure out what all 's going on there " . Lanre Bakare of The Guardian described it as " self @-@ indulgent , idiosyncratic and a bit weird " .

On November 25 , 2013 , " Bound 3 " , a parody of the music video was released , starring actors James Franco and Seth Rogen . The parody is a shot @-@ for @-@ shot remake , filmed while they were shooting their upcoming movie The Interview . Afterwards , Kim Kardashian revealed through Twitter that she and West found the video to be very funny . On December 11 , 2013 , the music video was parodied in the South Park episode " The Hobbit " , where West is shown trying to convince the world that Kardashian is not a hobbit . On December 21 , 2013 , the video was parodied on Saturday Night Live , with cast members portraying the couple having sex while riding a red @-@ nosed reindeer .

= = Lawsuit = =

On December 23 , 2013 , Ricky Spicer of the Ponderosa Twins Plus One filed a lawsuit against West over the sample of the group 's song , " Bound , " alleging that he used Spicer 's voice without permission . Spicer asked that West pay him or cease and desist using his vocals . Roc @-@ A @-@ Fella Records , Universal Music Group , Island Def Jam , and Rhino Entertainment were all named in the lawsuit along with West .

= = Remixes = =

British drum and bass duo Sigma created a remix of the song entitled " Nobody to Love " featuring vocals from Daniel Pearce which was officially released on April 6 , 2014 . It topped the UK Singles Chart upon release , with sales of over 121 @,@ 000 copies in the first week .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Yeezus .

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =