

## = Fix You =

" Fix You " is a song by British alternative rock band Coldplay . It was written by all four members of the band for their third studio album , X & Y ( 2005 ) . The track is built around an organ accompanied by slow tempo drums and vocals .

It was released on 5 September 2005 as the second single from X & Y and has reached number four on the UK Singles Chart . The song reached number 18 in the United States Billboard Hot Modern Rock Tracks . Promo singles were released for the UK and US . Blythe Danner , the mother of Gwyneth Paltrow and former mother @-@ in @-@ law of Chris Martin , stated in an interview in May 2012 that Martin ' wrote the song for Gwyneth when her father died and I weep every time I hear it ' .

" Fix You " was critically acclaimed by music critics . It has been widely sampled , with different covers and sounds . The song was nominated for multiple awards in the categories of Best Song Musically and Lyrically and Anthem of the Summer . The music video was garnered as a tribute to the 7 July 2005 London bombings . The guitar solo of " Fix You " is currently used as the player introduction at all of the National Hockey League 's Montreal Canadiens ' home games , during the three stars of the game selection after every Los Angeles Kings home win , and was played at Staples Center as the Stanley Cup was brought on the ice after the Kings ' victory in the 2014 Stanley Cup Final . The song is also used for the 2015 ? 16 New York Islanders inaugural season in Barclays Center .

The song was played live at the Steve Jobs memorial / celebration @-@ of @-@ life event at Apple headquarters on 19 October 2011 in Cupertino , California .

## = = Background = =

When writing the song , vocalist Chris Martin originally intended to use a church @-@ style organ for the track . Unable to gain access to the instrument , Martin instead used an old keyboard that his late father @-@ in @-@ law , Bruce Paltrow , gave to his daughter Gwyneth . However , in other instances Martin has claimed that " Fix You " is influenced by English alternative rock band Elbow 's 2003 anthem " Grace Under Pressure " .

When asked about the development of the song , Martin said : " My father @-@ in @-@ law Bruce Paltrow bought this big keyboard just before he died . No one had ever plugged it in . I plugged it in , and there was this incredible sound I 'd never heard before . All these songs poured out from this one sound . Something has to inspire you , and something else takes over . It 's very cloudy . " Martin also noted that the song is " probably the most important song we 've ever written " .

During a track @-@ by @-@ track reveal , bassist Guy Berryman admitted that the song takes " a bit of inspiration " from Jimmy Cliff 's 1969 song " Many Rivers to Cross " . Berryman also added , " It becomes its own thing , kind of like points of inspiration that kind of lead you down certain paths . Whenever you want to write a song like someone else , it ultimately ends up sounding like something different anyway . "

While studying at University College London the band lived in Ramsay Hall , reminiscing on the experience they said that the lyric " lights will guide you home " comes from living next to the BT Tower , a notable landmark in London which they would follow coming back from nights out .

## = = Composition = =

The song , which is written in the key of E @-@ flat major , features an organ and piano sound . The song starts with a hushed electric organ ballad , including Martin 's falsetto . The song then builds with both acoustic guitar and piano . The sound then shifts with a plaintive three @-@ note guitar line , ringing through a rhythmic upbeat tempo . Subtle instrumentation includes the background sound of church @-@ style organ throughout. piano notes , acoustic and electric guitar riffs , drums , and a singalong chorus .

The message throughout the song , in which Martin sings , is words of encouragement : " Lights will

guide you home / And ignite your bones / And I will try to fix you . " Michele Hatty of USA Weekend reported that Martin sings about recovering from grief in the song . Travis Gass of the Bangor Daily News wrote that Martin offers his sympathies for the downtrodden , with " When you love someone but it goes to waste / Could it be worse ? " . Gass goes on to interpret that the " booming drums " and chorus is that of Queen 's 1975 song " Bohemian Rhapsody " .

= = Release = =

Coldplay released " Fix You " in the UK and US on 5 September 2005 as the second single of their third album . The single was pressed with two B @-@ side 's : " The World Turned Upside Down " and " Pour Me " . On 14 September 2005 , the band released the Fix You EP in the iTunes Store . In response to Hurricane Katrina , all of the sales went to the American Red Cross Hurricane 2005 Relief and the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences ' MusiCares Hurricane Relief Fund . Promotional singles were released in the UK and US .

The track peaked at number four in the UK Singles Chart on 17 September 2005 . As of 30 July 2011 , the song had spent 122 weeks on that chart . It peaked at number 59 on the Billboard Hot 100 and number 18 on the Billboard Hot Modern Rock Tracks . The song also charted on the Billboard Pop 100 and Hot Digital Songs . The single appeared in Australia 's Singles Chart in the number four position on 18 September 2005 , after retiring in the 58 spot . It also appeared at number eight on the Irish Singles Chart and spent seven consecutive weeks on the chart . On 14 November 2010 , the song re @-@ entered the Australian singles chart at number 37 .

In 2009 , the song also appeared on Coldplay 's live album , LeftRightLeftRightLeft .

= = Reception = =

The song received widespread acclaim from music critics . In the Rolling Stone review of the album , critic Kelefa Sanneh wrote : " One of the best is ' Fix You ' , an unabashedly sentimental song where Martin delivers words of encouragement in a gentle falsetto [ ... ] Proving once more that no band can deliver a stately rock ballad like this one . " Paul McNamee of NME magazine wrote : " It ? s a wonderful song that shifts from simple stark piano and voice to a ringing , clattering burst of intent and proto @-@ prog four @-@ part harmony . " Adrien Begrand of PopMatters in his review of the album , noted the song as the " best ballad " off X & Y . In 2005 , the song appeared at number two on Q magazine 's " 100 Greatest Tracks of the Year " , and was listed as one of the " Tracks of the Year " by NME in 2005 .

In 2005 , Coldplay performed the song live on Saturday Night Live and the Live 8 event in July . " Fix You " was also played on Shelter from the Storm . It has also become a tribute song for the victims and eventually became the anthem for the event . The song was featured in an episode of the American teen drama television series The O.C. , and then in Without a Trace , Cold Case and Brothers & Sisters . The half part of the song was played over the trailer for the 2006 film World Trade Center . It was also featured in the 2006 movie You , Me and Dupree . The track was nominated for an Ivor Novello Award in the category of Best Song musically and lyrically . The song was also nominated for an UK Festival Award in the category of Anthem of the Summer . On 14 March 2009 , the band performed a rendition of the song at the relief concert , Sound Relief , in Sydney , Australia . On 19 October 2011 , the band played the song at the " Celebrating Steve " event for Apple employees over a global media stream to all the Apple Stores . This event was also available for Apple customers via the company website .

The song appears in The Acoustic Album ( 2006 ) . It was performed in 2006 by the New England octogenarian chorus group Young @ Heart . The group 's performance was led by former chorus member Fred Knittle , who suffered from congestive heart failure and breathed with assistance from an oxygen tank . The performance was originally planned to be a duet between Knittle and Bob Salvini , another former chorus member , but Salvini died shortly before the show . Knittle performed it as a solo , as a tribute to his friend . The performance was initially recorded for a British documentary that aired on Channel 4 ; footage of the performance was uploaded to YouTube in

November 2006 to positive response . An expanded version of the film , titled Young @ Heart , debuted at the 2007 Los Angeles Film Festival and was released in US theatres in 2008 .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Fix You " was directed by Sophie Muller , who had previously worked with the band for their 2002 video " In My Place " . The video was filmed at the end of two concerts on 4 and 5 July 2005 at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton , England . The concert goers doubled as extras for the video shoot , which required two takes on each day to complete .

In the first half of the video the band 's lead singer , Chris Martin , wanders the streets of London starting at Tooley Street under London Bridge Station , while the slogan " Make Trade Fair " is projected onto the Royal National Theatre , using the same ITA2 colour scheme on the cover of X & Y. The tunnels that Martin is seen wandering within are located both in and around London St Pancras and King 's Cross railway stations , and the filming for the video took place during the time of the redevelopment and expansion of London St Pancras International . Martin is then seen walking across Waterloo Bridge , which crosses the River Thames , connecting the Southbank with The Strand . As soon as the electric guitar kicks in , Martin 's walk turns into a run as he darts through streets of London , until very quickly reaching the side of the stage at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton , where he joins the rest of the band for the song 's finale . The audience sings along with the song 's final refrain , and at the end of the video Martin thanks them for their support and wishes them goodnight .

The video debuted on 1 August 2005 . The music video was nominated at the 15th annual Music Video Production Association Awards in the category of Adult Contemporary . After its release , the music video was repurposed as a tribute to the victims of the 7 July 2005 London bombings , although it was filmed before they occurred .

= = In popular culture = =

= = = Cover versions = = =

On 21 June 2011 , The Voice contestant and eventual winner Javier Colon sang the song during the semi @-@ finals of season 1 of the show . The studio version of the song was also released the following day as a download .

On the NBC show The Sing @-@ Off runners @-@ up Street Corner Symphony performed the song on the Season 2 finale .

The song also gets covered by Secondhand Serenade using only guitar riffs during the first half of the cover .

On 31 July 2011 , at " The Black Star Tour " live in Rio de Janeiro , the Canadian singer Avril Lavigne sang the song .

The song was covered on 4 October 2011 episode of Glee entitled " Asian F " , and is sung by Matthew Morrison and the Glee cast .

On The X Factor UK , Janet Devlin covered this song on the first Live Show on 8 October 2011 .

Ronan Parke covered this song on his debut album Ronan Parke .

On The X Factor US , Drew Ryniewicz covered this song on the third Live Show on 9 November 2011 . On the Thanksgiving episode of the second season , the top 10 performed this song .

Kelly Clarkson covered this song on one of her shows during her Stronger Tour .

Straight No Chaser covered this song on their album With a Twist .

On 19 January 2011 , Rianne Selwyn sang an orchestral , female version to this song .

YouTube cover artists Boyce Avenue and Tyler Ward collaborated to cover this song on Boyce Avenue 's album Cover Collaborations , Vol . 2 .

Alternative rock band Secondhand Serenade produced a secondary creation of the song in their album A Twist in My Story .

Country artist Carrie Underwood performed the song on her Blown Away Tour .

Marit Larsen performed the song at a session for Radio Hamburg on December 2011 .

Charlie Lubeck performed this song as a last chance performance on the second season of The Glee Project .

On 13 August 2012 , Yellowcard released a cover as a bonus track on their album Southern Air .

Country group Little Big Town performed a cover for the American Red Cross : Music Builds disaster relief effort .

Gabrielle Aplin covered the song during a session at BBC 's Maida Vale studio .

Alexandra Burke covered the song for her second EP , # NewRules .

Red Hot Chilli Pipers covered the song , and also performed the song live at HebCelt Fest 2013 .

Gregorian and Amelia Brightman performed the song live on their Dark Side of the Chant tour in 2011 .

Naturally 7 covered the song on their album Hidden In Plain Sight in 2015 .

On November 24 , 2014 , The Voice contestant Matt McAndrew covered it during the top10 week .

In December 2015 the song was used , alongside " Bridge over Troubled Water " , in the UK charity Christmas No 1 mashup song " A Bridge Over You " , by the choir of the Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust , selling more than 127 @, @ 000 copies .

== Media ==

The song has been used on the final sequences of the episode " I 'll Try To Fix You " of the 2012 HBO 's television series The Newsroom , as well as an episode of Scrubs , and the final scene of the episode " Cargo " of the CBS series Cold Case . The song also briefly featured in the Australian family drama Packed to the Rafters . In 2013 " Fix You " was used in the final episode of the first season of British public television Channel 4 's comedy @-@ drama Derek . " Fix You " was played during an episode of Brothers & Sisters .

On an episode of the BBC comedy game show Never Mind the Buzzcocks , the Coldplay song " Violet Hill " was used in a segment , and when regular panelist Noel Fielding said that he " genuinely hated Coldplay , " host David Tennant then played a snippet of " Fix You " and mouthed the line " And I will try ... to fix you . " Comedian Catherine Tate also finished the lyrics of the chorus correctly in a different segment of the same episode . The song was also played at the wedding of the Swedish prince Carl Philip and Sofia Hellqvist on the 13th of June 2015 , performed by Salem al Fakir . " Fix You " was also used in the 2006 film , You , Me , and Dupree .

American ice dance team Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani used the song for their free dance in the 2015 @-@ 2016 season .

== Track listing ==

" Fix You " ( edit ) ? 4 : 37

" The World Turned Upside Down " ? 4 : 32

" Pour Me " ( Live at the Hollywood Bowl ) ? 5 : 01 ( featured on the UK Enhanced CD , Australian , and US iTunes EP versions )

" Fix You " ( video ) ( featured on the UK Enhanced CD )

== Personnel ==

Chris Martin ? lead vocals , organ , piano , acoustic guitar

Jonny Buckland ? electric guitar , backing vocals

Guy Berryman ? bass guitar , backing vocals

Will Champion ? drums , backing vocals

== Charts and certifications ==

