

= My Love (Justin Timberlake song) =

" My Love " is a song recorded by American singer @-@ songwriter Justin Timberlake for his second studio album , FutureSex / LoveSounds (2006) . It was released on October 24 , 2006 , by Jive Records as the second single from the album . The song features American rapper T.I. and was co @-@ written by Timberlake , Timbaland , Nate " Danja " Hills , and T.I. , and produced by Timberlake , Timbaland , and Danja .

Timberlake revealed that the song 's creating process took time to image and execute . He also stated that " My Love " was less about marriage and a more humble approach to love . The song features synthesizer chords with a slow beat and includes a beatboxing , percussion , and staccato sounds . Timberlake described the track as " a rock @-@ techno ballad " . " My Love " was well received by music critics , although some criticized Timberlake for some of the lyrics and sounds .

The track entered the top ten on most charts , topping several of Billboard magazine 's component charts , including the Billboard Hot 100 , Pop 100 , Hot Dance Airplay , and Hot Digital Songs charts . " My Love " also became Timberlake 's second consecutive number one single on the Billboard Hot 100 . Internationally , the single peaked in the number two position , becoming Timberlake 's fourth single to reach number two . In New Zealand , the track peaked at number one for five non @-@ consecutive weeks , to become Timberlake 's second number one single .

Pitchfork Media named " My Love " as their number one song of 2006 . Many have cited that the song is similar to Timberlake 's 2002 song " Cry Me a River " . The track won Best Rap / Sung Collaboration at the 2007 Grammy Awards . " My Love " also won Timberlake the Male Artist of the Year and Best Choreography in a Video at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards .

= = Background = =

In December 2005 , Timberlake began working on his second album , FutureSex / LoveSounds , the follow @-@ up to Justified (2002) . Within three weeks , " My Love " was one of several songs that were recorded . In September 2006 , Timberlake told Rolling Stone that the song was " a hip @-@ hop ballad " and that the process of creating " took two hours to imagine and execute " . While promoting the album in an interview with MTV News , Timberlake revealed that the second half of the album (including " My Love ") focuses on anthems of love . In another interview , he revealed that " My Love " was a " contradiction of sounds . You 've got this operatic thing going on . If you take all the staccato sounds out , the essence of the song is it 's a ballad , but the way the beat is inlaid underneath the vocals , it becomes a percussive ballad . "

In discussion of T.I. 's participation in the track , Timberlake said : " The second hook finished and I said , ' Oh , a rapper would sound good on this ' . " Timbaland , who co @-@ wrote and produced the song , agreed to the idea and suggested T.I. Timberlake agreed to the idea , although he doubted that T.I. would say yes , and said that he was thankful that T.I. agreed to take part .

Timberlake revealed in 2013 that he originally asked rapper Jay @-@ Z (Whom he would collaborate with extensively in his later career) to appear on the track before T.I. " I wanted to do a record with him on FutureSex / LoveSounds ... " he explained " ... and he at that time had done a record with Beyoncé , it was ' Déjà Vu . ' And he said ? respectfully , I can 't knock him for saying like I have this one feature , I think he was working on his own music as well so he didn 't want to be on too many things . And I said , ' I totally respect that . I 'm obviously not gonna get into any domestic anything . That 's your wife . ' But the record was ' My Love . ' And it ended up being an interesting blessing in disguise because I think Tip for that record ? I mean his verse is phenomenal . "

= = Music and lyrics = =

" My Love " is a R & B and hip hop ballad . The song is composed in the key of E minor , with a chord progression of E @-@ minor @-@ B @-@ minor @-@ A @-@ minor . It is set in time signature of common time with a tempo of 121 beats per minute . The music begins with a stuttering

sounding trance @-@ style synthesizer , right after one stanza is sung in the chorus , " Ain 't another woman the can take your spot my love " . The word " love " is cut from the start . The song also includes Timbaland beatboxing and adding " toy sounds " , as well as Timberlake 's falsetto . The track features a rap verse from rapper T.I. It also carries a slower beat , with an electro @-@ Southern hip hop sound . The Guardian described the song as a " languid love ballad , prickling with dark emotion " , while MTV News described the beat as " slow and saucy " . Ben Williams of New York magazine wrote that it has " stabbing techno riff , crunched @-@ together mouth @-@ popping noises , and wailing opera singer " . Alexis Petridis of The Guardian said that the single is " a twitching mass of rave synthesizers and [agonizingly] slow beats " . Jacqui Swift of The Sun wrote that the song " begins with a tinny percussion sound before launching into a frantic repetitive chorus " .

In July 2006 , The Observer Music Monthly interviewed Timberlake and stated that the track " is arguably the album 's ' Cry Me a River ' . " In response , Timberlake said , " It is similar . You go back to Aaliyah 's biggest record , ' Are You That Somebody ' ? it 's similar to that too because it 's that percussive ballad . " When asked about the lyrics , " There 's just one thing I need from you : say I do " , being autobiographical , he said no , adding that the line before that , " this ring here represents my heart " , is about marriage and love . Timberlake stated , " It 's not specifically about marriage , but about a humble approach to love . None of it is autobiographical , though obviously I have experience to draw from . "

Williams stated that the song is " an obvious sequel " to Timberlake 's 2002 song " Cry Me a River " . The Georgia Straight 's Martin Turenne interprets the song 's background as Timberlake lowering himself on bended knee , proposing long walks on the beach and asking , " Would you date me on the regular ? " . Dagny Salas of North by Northwestern considered it a more romantic song , about Timberlake professing his love to a woman . Others have opined that " My Love " is a marriage proposal .

= = Critical reception = =

In The New York Times review of the album , critic Kelefa Sanneh wrote : " ... ' My Love ' , a sumptuous collaboration with the rapper T.I. It starts with a 90 @-@ second ' prelude ' , a clattering rhythm track with a bit of rapping and snippets of melody . Then the real thing hits : sleek synthesizer chords punctuated by tiny bursts of silence . " Sal Cinquemani of Slant Magazine wrote that the track " mixes Timberlake 's proud beatboxing talent with colossal , futuristic synth swirls and a cartoonish , maniacal giggle that 's looped ad infinitum a la the crying baby from Aaliyah 's ' Are You That Somebody ? ' " . Matthew Gasteier of Prefix magazine noted that the song " is probably the standout triumph here , with stuttering synths and a fade @-@ in @-@ fade @-@ out shimmering beat that may be the best ever from Timbaland " . Lauren Murphy of entertainment.ie stated that the single is " undeniably fluid and features some of the niftiest slo @-@ mo effects around " . Jonah Weiner of Blender magazine cited the song as the " standout " song from the album and wrote that the single " ... straddles the album 's up @-@ tempo FutureSex and balladeering LoveSounds halves ? one coos about puppy love over the other 's stroboscopic , salivating beat , and both trade devotionals on the chorus " .

" My Love " was criticized for some of the lyrics and sounds that were featured . Sanneh reported that Timberlake " exhales his clumsy pickup lines " with the lyrics " If I told you you were beautiful / Would you date me on the regular ? " . Murphy contemplated that the song is " ultimately ruined " by a " bizarre Crazy Frog @-@ meets @-@ Laughing @-@ Policeman underlay " . Emily Vaughan of North by Northwestern commented that Timberlake claims to have gone around the world twice in " My Love " and " Damn Girl " and that he is also " running out of creative ways to say he would like you to go to bed with him " . Vaughan , however , was positive towards " My Love " , stating that the song , along with " What Goes Around ... / ... Comes Around " , sounded considerably different from the rest of the album .

= = = Accolades = = =

The song was picked by Pitchfork Media as their number one song of 2006 , also ranking the song at 26 on " The Top 500 Tracks of the 2000s . " " At the 49th Grammy Awards , " My Love " won a Grammy Award in the category of Best Rap / Sung Collaboration . The song was covered by Irish band The Coronas , and by British group Klaxons on BBC Radio 1 's Live Lounge and was included in the B @-@ side of their song " It 's Not Over Yet " , which was released in June 2007 . The Village Voice 's Pazz & Jop annual critics ' poll voted " My Love " as the fourth best single of 2006 ; Timberlake 's " SexyBack " and T.I. ' s " What You Know " were voted on the same poll at numbers seven and two , respectively .

Additionally , the song won ASCAP Pop Music Awards in the category Most Performed Songs in 2007 and 2008 , an ASCAP Rhythm & Soul Award in 2008 , a BMI Urban Award in 2007 , and a BMI Pop Award in 2008 .

= = Chart performance = =

" My Love " was commercially successful in the United States . The single debuted at number 89 on September 23 , 2006 , on the Billboard Hot 100 , prior to its physical release . From number five on November 11 , 2006 , it propelled to number one the following week . " My Love " became Timberlake 's second consecutive number one hit on the Billboard Hot 100 from his *Futuresex / Lovesounds* album , becoming the first male artist since Usher in 2004 to have three or more consecutive number one hits from one album . The single peaked at number one on the Hot 100 for three consecutive weeks . In addition to the Hot 100 , " My Love " also reached number one on the following Billboard charts : Pop 100 , Hot Dance Airplay and Top 40 mainstream charts , and has peaked at number three on the Rhythmic Top 40 . Also , on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , " My Love " peaked at number two to become Timberlake 's most successful single on this chart . The song also charted on the Hot Dance Club Play and Hot Adult Top 40 Tracks charts , peaking at number 15 and number 29 , respectively . " My Love " was certified Platinum by the RIAA on February 26 , 2007 , and has sold 2 @,@ 208 @,@ 000 copies as of April 2013 .

In the United Kingdom , " My Love " debuted at number 14 on the UK Singles Chart on November 12 , 2006 (for the week ending date November 18 , 2006) , one week prior to its physical release , and ascended to its peak the following week at number 2 (having been beaten to the summit by Akon and Eminem 's " Smack That ") , to become Timberlake 's fourth single to reach the runner up position on the British charts . The digital download sales helped propel the single to number two on November 20 , 2006 . The song spent nineteen weeks within the top 75 , retiring on March 24 , 2007 , spending four of those within the top ten . The single entered the top five in Germany , Switzerland , Sweden , and Finland , and entered the top ten in France and Austria . In Australia , " My Love " debuted and peaked at number four on the Australian ARIA singles chart on November 26 , 2006 , gaining the Highest Debut certification . It spent a total of twenty @-@ four weeks on the chart . " My Love " was certified Gold by Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) . In New Zealand , the single debuted at number 25 and eventually peaked at number one for five non @-@ consecutive weeks , to become Timberlake 's second number one single .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " My Love " was directed by Paul Hunter and premiered on October 23 , 2006 . The video includes the prelude to the song (" Let Me Talk to You ") , which includes the song 's producer , Timbaland and features T.I. The video incorporates a black @-@ and @-@ white background and dancing , choreographed as the steps are in synch with the beat of the song .

The video starts with " Let Me Talk to You " as the background is surrounded by faulty fluorescent lighting , turning on and off in a programmed pattern . It also begins with Timberlake and Timbaland chanting " hey " to one another . The video proceeds with Timberlake dancing to the beat of the song . Timbaland then begins singing the first verse of the song , which then is proceeded by Timberlake . This is immediately followed with " My Love " playing ; the first verse of the song , " Ain

't another woman that could take your spot my " , plays . Timberlake comes floating toward the camera , down the faulty fluorescent tube . Once Timberlake stops floating , he begins singing the main verse of the song , which violins begin to float swirling gently around him , for " If I wrote you a symphony / Just to say how much you mean to me " . The scene then changes with Timberlake and various dancers dancing accordingly in a choreographed style . When Timberlake begins the second verse , " Now if I wrote you a love note / And made you smile at every word I wrote " , pens and paper begin to float . This later exceeds with Timberlake singing " This ring here represents my heart " with a ring swirling into the camera . T.I. is then seen in the shot . T.I. begins rapping his lines in the song . After T.I. finishes his verse , Timberlake is then seen dancing with a female back @-@ up dancer . Though , as they continue dancing , the female then leaves the shot , leaving Timberlake to dance to the end of the song . In the closing moments , the camera swirls around him , proving , conclusively , from every angle , that everyone has gone .

At the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards , Timberlake won Male Artist of the Year for " Let Me Talk To You / My Love " , " SexyBack " , and " What Goes Around ... / ... Comes Around " . He , alongside choreographers Blake Anthony and Marty Kudelka , won Best Choreography in a Video for " My Love " .

= = Live performances = =

Timberlake performed " My Love " and " SexyBack " as a medley for the opening of the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards , and again for the MTV Europe Music Awards 2006 , which he also hosted . He also performed the song on Saturday Night Live (SNL) . Timberlake , alongside Robyn Troup and T.I. , performed the song live at the 49th Grammy Awards . In addition , he performed the song at the Victoria 's Secret Fashion Show . The song was part of the set list of his second worldwide tour FutureSex / LoveShow .

" My Love " was performed by Timberlake at the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards on August 25 as part of a medley . The song is featured on Timberlake 's 2013 / 14 The 20 / 20 Experience World Tour .

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