

= Un Poco de Amor =

" Un Poco de Amor " (English : " A Little Bit of Love ") is a song by Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Shakira , taken from her debut studio album Pies Descalzos . It was released on May 16 , 1996 , by Sony Music and Columbia Records as the fourth single from the album . The song was written and produced by Shakira and Luis Fernando Ochoa . " Un Poco de Amor " is a Latin pop song that incorporates reggae elements . Lyrically , it states that Shakira is waiting to find someone who loves her .

Upon its release , " Un Poco de Amor " received generally favorable reviews from music critics , who recognized it as a stand @-@ out track from Pies Descalzos . The song peaked at number 11 on the Billboard Latin Pop Songs and Latin Songs component charts . While less successful than its preceding singles , its performance continued to aid its parent album in becoming her breakthrough record , which eventually attained platinum certifications in Argentina , Brazil , Colombia , and the United States .

A Portuguese @-@ language translation of the track titled " Um Pouco de Amor " appeared on Shakira 's first remix album The Remixes in 1997 . The song has additionally been performed during two of her concert tours to date .

= = Background and composition = =

Shakira released her first official studio album Pies Descalzos in 1995 by Sony Music and Columbia Records . Assuming a prominent position in its production , she co @-@ wrote and co @-@ produced each of the eleven tracks included on the record . Serviced as the fourth single from the project , " Un Poco de Amor " saw additional songwriting and production from Luis Fernando Ochoa . The track is heavily influenced by Latin pop elements , and additionally incorporates reggae styles . Lyrically , it states that Shakira is waiting to find someone who loves her . It became her first track to include phrases in English , performed by the uncredited Howard Glasford .

The accompanying music video for " Un Poco de Amor " was directed by Gustavo Garzón . The clip depicts a black @-@ haired and red @-@ haired Shakira dancing with Glasford , in addition to members of various ethnic groups . The music video received a Billboard Latin Music Award for Pop Video of the Year . A Portuguese version of the song , entitled " Um Pouco de Amor " , was included in Shakira 's 1997 remix album The Remixes .

= = Reception = =

Upon its release , " Un Poco de Amor " received generally favorable reviews from music critics , who recognized it as a stand @-@ out track from Pies Descalzos . Carlos Quintana of About.com complimented the track for its reggae influences , and placed it among his personal favorites from the record . Similarly , Jose F. Promis from Allmusic praised it for being a " dancehall @-@ lite " track , going on to select the song as an " Allmusic Pick " . The song peaked at number 11 on the Billboard Latin Pop Songs and Latin Songs component charts . While less successful than its preceding singles , its performance continued to aid its parent album in becoming her breakthrough record , which eventually attained platinum certifications in Argentina , Brazil , and the United States . Pies Descalzos was also awarded the " Diamond Prism " award in Colombia .

In 1996 , " Un Poco de Amor " was included in the reissue of Pies Descalzos , titled Colección de Oro . In 2005 , it was featured as the third track for Shakira 's first greatest hits album Grandes Éxitos . Its appearance in both records was complimented as being reminiscent of her rise to prominence .

= = Live performances = =

Shakira has performed " Un Poco de Amor " during two of her concert tours thus far . She first performed the track in Mexico City during her Tour Pies Descalzos , which ran from 1996 through

1997 . It was also included during the Tour of the Mongoose , held in support of her third studio album Laundry Service . The song was notably absent from her Tour Anfíbio , Oral Fixation Tour , and The Sun Comes Out World Tour .

== Track listing ==

Remix EP

" Un Poco De Amor "

" Un Poco De Amor " (Memes Dancehall Posse Mix)

" Un Poco De Amor " (The Extended Dancehall 12)

" Un Poco De Amor " (Memes Jazz Experience)

" Un Poco De Amor " (Instrumental)

== Charts ==