

## = U Smile =

" U Smile " is a song performed by Canadian recording artist Justin Bieber . It was written by Jerry Duplessis , Arden Altino , and Dan August Rigo , and produced by Duplessis and Altino . According to Bieber , the song is dedicated to his special fans . The song was released as the second digital @-@ only single from the latter half of Bieber 's debut album on March 16 , 2010 . It was released to mainstream radio in Canada on August 9 , 2010 , followed by a mainstream and rhythmic release on August 24 , 2010 , in the United States as the album 's third single there .

The song , a piano and instrument driven blue @-@ eyed soul ballad , garnered acclaim from critics as a standout track from the album . The song charted at seventeen and twenty @-@ seven respectively in the United States and Canada , and later charted in the United Kingdom . Bieber performed the song as an intro to " Baby " on the ninth season of American Idol and on Saturday Night Live .

## = = Background = =

In an interview with MTV News , Bieber said , " ' U Smile ' is one of the best songs I have ever recorded , " he wrote , " It really is a throwback to the great records I listened to growing up . ... I wrote it for all my fans who got me here . " Bieber explained on his Twitter that his fans " took him from a small town in Canada " to the " amazing opportunity " he is living now , and feels " grateful for everything " and " blessed " for the support . Bieber confirmed he co @-@ wrote the track with August Rigo . He also told his fans to enjoy it as they are the ones who give him his strength in this .

In August 2010 , Nick Pittsinger , a Florida @-@ based sound artist , slowed down Bieber 's song 800 % to produce a 35 minute long track . It was compared to ambient music , including the works of Sigur Rós . The track became an internet meme in mid to late 2010 .

## = = Composition and critical reception = =

" U Smile " is a blue @-@ eyed soul ballad , driven by piano and other instruments . Leah Greenblatt of Entertainment Weekly said the song is " the best by far " of My World 2 @.@ 0 , calling it " a shimmery slice of Hall & Oates @-@ style blue @-@ eyed soul " . The song has a " bluesy " feel , and makes use of metaphors such as " You are my ends and my means / With you there ? s no in between . " The song composed in the key E ? Mixolydian and it set in time signature of compound time with twelve eighth note in a bar , with the tempo of 75 beats per minute . Bieber 's vocal range span two music from the lowest note A ? 3 and the highest note E ? 5 . It follows the chord progression E ? -D ? -A ? .

Bill Lamb of About.com noted the song as a track on My World 2 @.@ 0 and said it " lets Justin Bieber sway and croon . It is guaranteed to generate warm and fuzzy emotions in millions of young fans " and that it " should not disappoint adults either " . Monica Herrera of Billboard commended the song and said that it " should appeal to some older listeners . " For Billboard ' s cover story on Bieber , Herrera said , " Bieber croons , his voice straining as much from puberty as emotion . It 's the closest he 's come to fulfilling Braun 's wish , by sounding like a certain young Motown star . " This is as unconditional as it 'll ever get / You ain 't seen nothing yet " .

## = = Chart performance = =

Originally released as a digital @-@ only single , the song debuted at number twenty @-@ seven on the Billboard Hot 100 , selling 83 @,@ 000 downloads in its first week . It also debuted on the Canadian Hot 100 at seventeen . " U Smile " was the highest debut on the week on both charts . The song initially stayed on both charts for a weeks ' length . Following an official release to mainstream and rhythmic radio , the song re @-@ entered the US Hot 100 at ninety @-@ five on the week ending October 2 , 2010 . Due to digital sales , the song also reached ninety @-@ eight in

the United Kingdom .

= = Music video = =

= = = Background and reception = = =

On September 30 , 2010 , the music video for " U Smile " premiered online , it was directed by Colin Tilley , with a cameo appearance by Sandra Bullock . Bieber had stated that the video for " U Smile " was about " letting fans experience the ultimate fantasy for any hard @-@ core Belieber : being Justin 's girlfriend " , further explaining in a tweet , " I took the opportunity 2 make a video 4 the fans , about a fan , and how we could fall IN LOVE . " Mawuse Ziegbe from MTV met the video with a positive review . Ziegbe felt that the video suggested " a more mature Bieber , who appears to relish the quiet moments with his gal pal away from the nonstop fan hysteria . " Ziegbe also felt that the video " displayed [ Bieber 's ] skills as an instrumentalist , as he belts out the lyrics from behind a grand piano throughout much of the vid . "

= = = Synopsis = = =

Starting out in a black and white frame ( and later incorporating scenes of color ) , a group of girls are seen standing outside on the street while Bieber is seen exiting a building while trying to walk away without getting noticed . This however , is unsuccessful as the girls run up to Bieber ; he then takes pictures and signs autographs with the girls . While this is happening Bieber takes an interest with one particular girl asking her to meet him later on , to which she agrees . As the song starts playing Bieber is seen sitting in an empty auditorium playing the piano and singing . When Bieber 's date shows up they sneak into an empty theater where they are seen ; holding hands , horsing around on the theater 's seats , and sliding down banisters . At the ending of the video they are seen engaging in a playful back @-@ alley water fight and eventually collapse into each other 's arms while Bieber is playing the piano back inside the theater .

= = Live performances = =

Bieber performed the song along with " Baby " on the eighteenth episode of season thirty five of Saturday Night Live . He also performed the song in American Idol along with " Baby " on May 19 , 2010.It was also released as a single video of the live performance , along with " Baby " . Bieber performed the song at the 2010 Teen Choice Awards on August 9 , 2010 . The performance was pre @-@ recorded because Bieber could not attend the event . The performance was filmed in Los Angeles on his My World Tour .

= = Slowed Version = =

In August 2010 , music producer Nick Pittsinger used the sound processing software PaulStretch to create an 800 % slower version of the album track , lasting around 35 minutes , which he made available via SoundCloud . The modified track resembled a minimalist , ambient composition . By September 2 it had been discussed in multiple news articles , linked to from Bieber 's website , and downloaded more than one million times .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting - Jerry Duplessis , Arden Altino , Dan August Rigo

Production - Jerry Duplessis , Arden Altino

Vocal recording - Andy Grassi , Serge Tsai , Dave Clauss , Warren Babson , assisted by William Villane

Vocal production and recording - Kuk Harrell , assisted by Travis Harrington  
Piano and keyboards - Arden Altino , additional by Paul J. Falcone  
Guitar - Bruno Beatz , Ben DeFusco  
Harmonica - Frédéric Yonnet  
Mixing - Glen Marchese  
Engineering - Pat Thrall  
Source

= = Charts = =

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