

= La La Land (Demi Lovato song) =

" La La Land " is a song recorded by American singer Demi Lovato . It was written by Lovato , Joe Jonas , Nick Jonas and Kevin Jonas and produced by the Jonas Brothers alongside John Fields , for Lovato 's debut studio album , Don 't Forget (2008) . It was released as the album 's second single on December 19 , 2008 , through Hollywood Records . " La La Land " is one of six songs on the album co -@-@ written by the Jonas Brothers , who also contributed backing vocals and guitars to the track . Lovato said that she wrote the song about being yourself in Hollywood and not letting other people change who you are . Musically , the song is a guitar @-@ driven pop rock song and the lyrics speak of Lovato feeling " out of place " in Hollywood .

The song was met with positive reviews from critics . Commercially , " La La Land " peaked at number fifty @-@ two on the Billboard Hot 100 and number thirty @-@ five on the UK Singles Chart . The song achieved its highest peak in Ireland , where it reached number thirty on the Irish Singles Chart . It was less successful in Australia and Germany , where it peaked in the lower half of the charts . The song used to promote Lovato 's Disney Channel sitcom Sonny with a Chance and features guest appearances from her co @-@ stars .

= = Background and release = =

" La La Land " is one of six songs on Lovato 's debut album Don 't Forget (2008) that she co @-@ wrote with the Jonas Brothers . Lovato said that it was " important " to have them on her album , because " I mean , just look at how successful they are . I would love to have their input anytime , because they 're obviously doing something right . " The band also contributed backing vocals and played the guitar to the song . It was produced by the Jonas Brothers and John Fields , with the latter also playing the bass , guitars and keyboards . The song also features Devin Bronson , who provided a guitar solo , and Dorian Crozier , who played the drums . In an interview , Lovato explained that the song is about being yourself when you are surrounded by " the pressures of fame " . She said , " You get to Hollywood and a lot of times people can try to shape you and mould you into what they want you to be . The song is just about keeping it real and trying to stay yourself when you 're out in Hollywood . " " La La Land " was released as the album 's second and final single on April 10 , 2009 . It was later released in the United Kingdom on May 31 , 2009 , with the new song " Behind Enemy Lines " . A CD single was released on June 1 , 2009 , with a recorded live version of the Camp Rock song " This Is Me " from Jonas Brothers : The 3D Concert Experience .

= = Composition = =

" La La Land " is a guitar @-@ driven pop rock song . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song is composed in the time signature of common time with a moderate beat rate of 84 beats per minute . It is written in the key of A major and Lovato 's vocal range spans from the low @-@ note of F ? 3 to the high @-@ note of E5 . It has a basic sequence of F ? m ? D ? E as its chord progression . Lyrically , " La La Land " is about Lovato feeling " out of place " in Hollywood , demonstrated in lines such as , " Who said I can 't wear my Converse with my dress ? " , and " I 'm not a supermodel , I still eat McDonald 's . " Ed Masley of The Arizona Republic compared the track 's theme to Miley Cyrus ' " Party in the U.S.A. " , and the guitars present in the song to works by English punk rock band The Clash .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

Fraser McAlpine of BBC Music wrote a positive review of the song and rated it four out of five stars .

He wrote , " So , essentially doing a song like this is rocky ground , but the good news is that Demi generally comes across as the kind of bright , scrappy , girl @-@ next @-@ door type , so it doesn 't sound quite so preposterous when she insists that she 's still quite normal , really . " McAlpine concluded his review , writing , " You can almost hear the paparazzi cameras going off as she 's singing . [...] Of course , the only thing she has to worry about now is that having made this very public declaration , if she slips up for a second , we 'll all be watching ... " Judy Coleman of The Boston Globe said that Lovato shows " her Gen @-@ Y stripes " , and " forcibly rhymes ' everything 's the same ' with ' the La @-@ La land machine ' ? pronounced , of course , ' ma @-@ SHAYN ' . " Stephen Thomas Erlewine of Allmusic noted it as one of the best tracks on Don 't Forget . Ed Masley of The Arizona Republic included " La La Land " at number eight on his " Top 10 from the Disney girls " list , and wrote , " Are Disney girls just naturally plagued by insecurity or is it all a plot to seem more real ? Like Miley 's " Party in U.S.A. , " this song is all about how out of place Lovato feels in La La Land . "

= = = Chart performance = = =

On January 10 , 2009 , " La La Land " debuted on the Billboard Hot 100 at number 83 . The following week , it rose to number 56 . The same week , it debuted on the Hot Digital Songs chart at number 42 . On January 31 , 2009 , " La La Land " reached its peak of number 52 on the Billboard Hot 100 and number 27 on Hot Digital Songs . To date , it has sold 912 @, @ 000 digital copies in the United States , according to Nielsen SoundScan . On the UK Singles Chart , the song debuted at number 63 on May 2 , 2009 . The following week , it reached its peak of 35 , and spent a total of seven weeks on the chart . In Ireland , it debuted at number 30 , which became its peak . In Germany , the song debuted at number 82 and spent only one week on the chart . In Australia , it reached its peak of number 76 on May 11 , 2009 .

= = Music video = =

" La La Land " was directed by Brendan Malloy and Tim Wheeler . It was used to promote Lovato 's then @-@ upcoming Disney Channel sitcom , Sonny with a Chance . In an interview with MTV News , Lovato said that it " really describes the show . I 'm excited about that . " Speaking of the video , co @-@ director Malloy said , " The idea for the video is to create this hyperreal world , that 's the word we keep using , La La Land . Fame has definitely gotten to everybody 's head . It 's more like [Lovato] is the only one in this world that fame hasn 't gotten to . " According to Lovato , her Sonny with a Chance co @-@ stars play " stereotypical Hollywood Los Angeles [...] big type of people . " The video premiered on December 19 , 2008 on Disney Channel . It was released to the iTunes Store on January 20 , 2009 . Jefferson Reid of E ! Online praised the video , writing , " Mocking Hollywood phonies is always cool by us , and bonus points to Demi Lovato for doing it while rocking out in admirable form . Skewering the " La La Land " machine with sass and grit , Disney 's latest everygirl rock star seems like she might eventually give Miley Cyrus a real run for her money . "

The video features appearances from Lovato 's Sonny with a Chance co @-@ stars Allisyn Ashley Arm , Doug Brochu , Sterling Knight , Michael Kostroff , Brandon Mychal Smith and Tiffany Thornton , as well as Lovato 's older sister Dallas Lovato . The video begins with Lovato being interviewed on a talk show called Rumor Has It with Benny Beverly (Brochu) . After introducing her to the audience , Beverly asks Lovato what it is like to be a star . A video is then shown to the audience , which serves as the main portion of the clip . In Hollywood , Lovato walks past a " Be @-@ seen section , " and bumps into a stranger on the street , which a paparazzo (Knight) takes a picture of . A woman then reads a tabloid magazine with Lovato and the " mystery man " on the cover . The video then cuts to Lovato and her Sonny with a Chance co @-@ stars at a red carpet event , with paparazzi taking pictures of Lovato wearing Converse sneakers with a dress . Lovato is then shown on the set of a commercial for her perfume , in a pink wig with makeup being applied to her . She is uncomfortable and eventually refuses to cooperate , which angers the director (Smith) . The video

then cuts back to Rumor Has It with applause from the audience , and ends with Beverly praising Lovato .

= = Live performances = =

Lovato performed " Get Back " and " La La Land " at the Kids ' Inaugural : " We Are the Future " event on January 19 , 2009 , in Washington D.C. at the Verizon Center . The event was held to celebrate the inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United States . On April 7 , 2009 , Lovato performed " La La Land " on the eighth season of Dancing with the Stars . During the performance , Benji Schwimmer and Tori Smith danced along . Barrett wrote that " the frantic nature of both song and dance complemented each other quite nicely . " On April 25 , 2009 , Lovato performed the song on the final episode of singing competition My Camp Rock (UK) , where she also presented the award to the winner , Holly Hull .

During the summer of 2008 , Lovato performed the song on the Jonas Brothers ' Burnin ' Up Tour , for which she served as the opening act . Later in 2009 , the song was performed during her first headlining tour , Summer Tour 2009 . In 2010 , she performed the song during her South American tour . Lovato also performed the song during her set at the Jonas Brothers Live in Concert World Tour 2010 . Scott Mervis of Pittsburgh Post @-@ Gazette wrote that Lovato performed a " high @-@ energy , high @-@ volume " version of the song . In September 2011 , Lovato performed the song during the revue concert An Evening with Demi Lovato as part of a medley with " Get Back " and " Here We Go Again " .

= = Track listings and formats = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Demi Lovato ? writer , lead vocals

John Fields ? producer , bass , guitars , keyboards , programming

Joe Jonas ? writer , background vocals

Devin Bronson ? guitar solo

Dorian Crozier ? drums Kevin Jonas

John Taylor ? guitars , background vocals

Nick Jonas ? writer , guitars , background vocals

Kevin Jonas ? writer , guitars , background vocals

Jonas Brothers ? producers

Source :

= = Charts and sales = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

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