

= Take a Bow (Rihanna song) =

" Take a Bow " is a song recorded by Barbadian singer Rihanna for Good Girl Gone Bad : Reloaded (2008) , the re @-@ release of her third studio album Good Girl Gone Bad (2007) . The song was written and produced by Tor Erik Hermansen , Mikkel Eriksen , and Shaffer Smith under their stage names StarGate and Ne @-@ Yo . " Take a Bow " was released as the first single from the re @-@ release and the fifth single overall from the two releases . It is an R & B song that contains elements of dance @-@ pop . Critical reception of " Take a Bow " was mixed , with some critics praising the song 's lyrics and powerful balladry impact , while others criticized the lack of originality with regard to StarGate 's production .

In the US , the song peaked at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and became Rihanna 's third song to do so . " Take a Bow " also peaked at number one on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart and US Pop Songs chart , and has been certified quadruple platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America . The song reached number one in Canada , Denmark , Ireland , Slovakia and the United Kingdom , and attained top five positions in Australia , New Zealand and Norway . The song 's accompanying music video was directed by Anthony Mandler and presents Rihanna as the female protagonist who leaves her boyfriend because of his infidelity . " Take a Bow " has been performed on " AOL Music Sessions " and was included in the set lists of the Good Girl Gone Bad Tour (2008 ? 09) , Last Girl on Earth (2010 ? 11) , Loud Tour (2011) and Diamonds World Tour (2013) .

= = Background and composition = =

" Take a Bow " was written and produced by StarGate and Ne @-@ Yo . The song premiered on February 14 , 2008 , on the KIIS @-@ FM radio show On Air with Ryan Seacrest . " Take a Bow " was released as the fifth overall single from Good Girl Gone Bad , but the first from the re @-@ release of the album , entitled Good Girl Gone Bad : Reloaded . " Take a Bow " was made available to purchase in media outlets , via Def Jam Recordings ' website , on the same day as its radio premiere in the United States later being made available to download via iTunes on May 6 , 2008 . The song is written in the key of E major and is set in simple time with a metronome of 82 beats per minute . Rihanna 's vocal range in the song spans from the low note of E3 to the high note of C ? 5 . Musically , the song draws influence from the musical genre of R & B and also incorporates elements of dance @-@ pop , whilst lyrically , " Take a Bow " tells of how the female protagonist expresses disinterest in rekindling her relationship with an dishonorable and unfaithful ex @-@ boyfriend .

= = Critical reception = =

" Take a Bow " received mixed reviews from music critics . Upon the song 's release as an official single , Nick Levine of Digital Spy commented its choice for the promotion of Good Girl Gone Bad : Reloaded , writing that the singer could have chosen " Breakin ' Dishes " which served as a promotional single for Good Girl Gone Bad and charted at number four on the US Hot Dance Club Songs chart in February 2008 ? but had opted for " Take a Bow " due to it being new and more likely to find a receptive audience . Levine continued in his review to write that although the ballad succeeds in its mission of telling of a failed relationship , he noted that the song was not at the same level as the singer 's previous single , " Don 't Stop the Music " (2007) . Levine cited that his reason for this was that " ' Take a Bow ' does what it sets out to do very well , but it 's an underwhelming follow @-@ up to the dancefloor rush of ' Don 't Stop The Music ' " . Levine also commented on the song with regard to the other new songs included on the re @-@ release , " Disturbia " and " If I Never See Your Face Again " (a collaboration with Maroon 5) , as part of his review of Good Girl Gone Bad : Reloaded , writing that " Take a Bow " is inferior to the former , but superior to the latter .

= = Chart performance = =

In the United States , the song leaped 52 positions from number 53 to number one on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart on May 14 , 2008 , with digital download sales of 267 @, @ 000 copies , which prompted the song to debut at number one on the US Hot Digital Songs chart . With " Take a Bow " jumping fifty @-@ two positions to number one , this marked the second largest leap to number one in the history of the chart as of May 2008 , second only to Maroon 5 's " Makes Me Wonder " , which leaped from number 64 to number one in May 2007 . Additionally , at the time of release , Rihanna held two of the top three opening week download tallies , with " Take a Bow " selling 267 @, @ 000 copies , the lead single from Good Girl Gone Bad " Umbrella " selling 277 @, @ 000 copies in May 2007 , which held the record for having the largest opening digital sales tally , until Mariah Carey 's " Touch My Body " opened with sales of 286 @, @ 000 copies in April 2008 . The song became Rihanna 's third number one single on the Hot 100 , after " SOS " and " Umbrella " . " Take a Bow " stayed on the Hot 100 chart for 27 weeks , and also peaked at number one on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , Mainstream Top 40 and Radio Songs charts , respectively . However , the song was less successful on the US Hot Dance Club Songs and Adult Contemporary charts , peaking at numbers 14 and 21 , respectively . The song has been certified quadruple platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America and has sold 3 million copies in the United States as of June 2015 . It also ranked at number 3 on Billboard 's Songs of Summer 2008 . In Canada , the song leaped 69 positions from number 70 to number one on May 24 , 2008 , becoming the largest jump to number one in the history of the chart at the time .

In Australia , " Take a Bow " debuted on the Australian Singles Chart at number 30 on May 15 , 2008 , and jumped to number 13 the following week . The song peaked at number three in its eighth week on the chart , after having spent four weeks fluctuating in the top ten . In total the song spent 11 weeks in the top ten and 22 weeks on the chart . " Take a Bow " has since been certified Platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association , denoting shipments of over 70 @, @ 000 copies . In New Zealand , the song debuted on the New Zealand Singles Chart at number four on May 5 , 2008 , and peaked at number two for five non @-@ consecutive weeks . In total , the song spent 10 weeks inside the top five and 15 weeks in total on the chart .

In the United Kingdom , " Take a Bow " debuted at number two on the UK Singles Chart on May 24 , 2008 , behind The Ting Tings " That 's Not My Name " . The following week , the two songs switched positions , with " Take a Bow " ascending to number one and " That 's Not My Name " descending to number two ; " Take a Bow " spent a total of two weeks atop the chart . On November 12 , 2010 , the song was certified Gold by the British Phonographic Industry , denoting shipments of over 400 @, @ 000 copies . As of January 2016 , it has sold over 499 @, @ 900 copies in the UK .

In Denmark , the song debuted at number 13 on the Danish Singles Chart on June 6 , 2008 , and peaked at number one in its third week . After fluctuating in the top ten for three weeks , the song ascended to number two in its seventh and eighth weeks , and went on to stay in the top ten for a further five weeks . " Take a Bow " spent 12 weeks in the top ten and 20 weeks on the chart in total . In Norway , the song debuted at number eight on the Norwegian Singles Chart and peaked at number five the following week . " Take a Bow " stayed in the top ten for four weeks and spent six weeks on the chart in total . In Austria , the song debuted at number 16 on the Austrian Singles Chart on June 6 , 2008 , and peaked at number six in its fourth week on the chart for six non @-@ consecutive weeks . " Take a Bow " spent 10 weeks inside the top ten and a 25 weeks on the chart in total . In Switzerland , the song debuted at number 29 on the Swiss Singles Chart on May 18 , 2008 , and peaked at number seven for one week . " Take a Bow " spent a total of 29 weeks on the chart . Elsewhere in Europe , however , the song did not experience the same degree of success . " Take a Bow " peaked at numbers 10 , 12 and 12 in The Netherlands , France and Sweden .

= = Music video = =

The music video was directed by Anthony Mandler , who had previously directed Rihanna videos for " Hate That I Love You " and " Shut Up and Drive " . The video was shot in Venice , Los Angeles

on April 3 , 2008 . The video begins with Rihanna standing in front of a black backdrop for the opening of the song . As the first verse starts , the scene is intercut with another of Rihanna looking out the window at her boyfriend and standing behind the front door as he approaches and asks to come in . As Rihanna walks way from the door singing the lyrics " Don 't tell me you 're sorry cos you 're not " , the viewer realizes that her boyfriend has perhaps done something wrong and been unfaithful . During the first chorus and second verse , Rihanna is shown in a different outfit , this time sitting in a silver Porsche in a garage . As Rihanna pulls out of the garage and onto the street , her ex @-@ boyfriend walks alongside the car as she drives and begs her to forgive him ; she pulls away . For the bridge , Rihanna is shown sitting on a bed as well as in front of the black backdrops as she reads a text message from her ex @-@ boyfriend , who asks to meet her . During the last chorus , Rihanna appears in a different outfit and walks into a lounge , where she puts some clothes on a table and then sits on a sofa . As her ex @-@ boyfriend walks in , the singer gets up and walks over to the clothes , where she withdraws some matches and strikes one , dropping it on what is made aware to be some of her ex @-@ boyfriend 's clothes . As the song comes to and end , Rihanna walks out of the room whilst he tries to put out the fire .

Erika Brooks Adickman of Idolator commented that Rihanna had once again changed her hair style and was wearing a red jacket which looked similar to the one Michael Jackson 's video " Beat It " . Adickman continued to compare the content of the video to Beyoncé 's " Irreplaceable " , writing that it was her first video to contain a plot , but , in actuality , the videos of " Unfaithful " (2006) and " Hate That I Love You " (2007) both contain a plot .

= = Live performances = =

To promote Rihanna 's fourth studio album , Rated R (2009) in the United Kingdom , Rihanna performed " Take a Bow " at the launch of the Nokia X6 smartphone at Brixton Academy in London . Other songs on the set list were " Russian Roulette " and " Wait Your Turn " from Rated R , and " Don 't Stop the Music " , " Disturbia " , and with Jay @-@ Z , " Umbrella " from Good Girl Gone Bad . During the promotion of Rated R , Rihanna also recorded video performances of her songs for " AOL Music Sessions " ; these videos were made available to watch on AOL 's website on February 23 , 2010 . The set included " Take A Bow " , as well as " Russian Roulette , " Hard " , " Rude Boy " and a stripped down version of " Disturbia " . " Take a Bow " has been included on four of Rihanna 's arena tours : the Good Girl Gone Bad Tour , Last Girl on Earth , Loud Tour and Diamonds World Tour . The song was featured in the encore section of the Good Girl Gone Bad Tour , along with " Umbrella " . For the Last Girl on Earth and Loud Tours , the song was featured as the last to be performed before the encore section . A minimal version of the song was also included on her Diamonds World Tour during the fourth act .

= = Formats and track listings = =

" Take a Bow " was released on CD and 12 " vinyl commercially and as " Take a Bow : Remixes " promotionally and digitally .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Good Girl Gone Bad : Reloaded .

Robyn " Rihanna " Fenty ? Vocals

Mikkel S. Eriksen , Tor Erik Hermansen , Shaffer Smith ? Songwriting

Stargate , Ne @-@ Yo ? Production

Mikkel S. Eriksen ? Vocal production

Phil Tan ? Mixing

Josh Houghkirk ? Assistant Mixer

Stargate ? Instrumentation

= = Charts = =

= = Sales and certifications = =

Since May 2013 RIAA certifications for digital singles include on @-@ demand audio and / or video song streams in addition to downloads .