

= Call My Name ( Third Day song ) =

" Call My Name " is a song recorded by the Christian rock band Third Day . Written by Mac Powell and produced by Third Day , it was released as the lead single from the band 's 2008 album Revelation through Essential Records . " Call My Name " has been considered a pop rock and " AC @-@ friendly " song with a basic drum track and a " solid " melody . Lyrically , it has been alternately described as being set from the perspective of God or being a cry out to God .

" Call My Name " received positive reception from critics , some of whom praised the arrangement of the song . Third Day has performed the song live and it has been covered by Australian country singer Keith Urban . The song was a hit on Christian radio , peaking atop the Billboard Hot Christian Songs and Hot Christian AC charts and the Radio & Records Christian AC Monitored , Christian AC Indicator and Christian CHR charts . Billboard magazine ranked it second on the 2008 year @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart and third on the 2008 year @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart and at twenty @-@ seventh on the decade @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart and at thirty @-@ sixth on the decade @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart .

= = Background = =

" Call My Name " was one of the first songs that Third Day worked on in their writing session for Revelation in Charlottesville , Virginia . The lyrics to the song were written by Mac Powell , while the music was composed by Third Day . It was produced and programmed by Howard Benson and recorded by Mike Plontikoff at Bay 7 Studios in Valley Village , Los Angeles and at Sparky Dark Studio in Calabasas , California . Pre @-@ production was handled at Haunted Hollow Studio in Charlottesville , Virginia by Rob Evans and Steve Miller , at Tree Sound Studios in Norcross , Georgia by Don McCollister , and at Sonica Recording in Atlanta , Georgia by Jon Briglevich . The song was mixed by Chris Lord @-@ Alge at Resonate Music in Burbank , California and mastered by Bob Ludwig at Gateway Mastering in Portland , Maine . Digital editing was conducted by Paul DeCarli , while audio engineering was handled by Ashburn Miller and Hatsukazu Inagaki .

= = Composition = =

" Call My Name " is a Christian rock song that lasts for four minutes and two seconds . It was composed using common time in the key of E major , with " driving rock " tempo of 78 beats per minute . Mac Powell 's vocal range spans from the low note of B3 to the high note of F ? 5 . The lyrics to the song have been described as being from the perspective of God , although the members of Third Day have described them differently ; David Carr , the drummer for Third Day , described the lyrics as " crying out to God and calling out his name " , while Mac Powell described them as " kind of a prayer . It 's about when people are going through hard times and going through struggles that we 've gotta call out to someone , and for us as people of faith it 's calling out to God and hearing his voice ... and for someone else it could be a friend or a family member that you 've gotta reach out to kind of help share those burdens you go through " . Carr also described the drum part on " Call My Name " as " basic " , and the song itself has been described as " pop rock " , " AC @-@ friendly " , and " pop " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical = = =

Critical reception to " Call My Name " was positive , with some critics praising the arrangement and vocals . Deborah Evans Price of Billboard magazine called the single a " well @-@ crafted number " , while Matt Conner of CCM Magazine praised the song as " brilliantly crafted " . Russ Breimeier of Christianity Today regarded the song as a " big AC @-@ friendly single " and praised it as having "

smart hooks , a strong melody , and some of Powell 's most impressive vocal work to date during the closing vamp , belting out notes I didn 't know he was capable of " . John DiBiase of Jesus Freak Hideout called the song " an unashamedly catchy pop rock anthem that surprisingly has a similar lyrical message to [ ' Cry Out to Jesus ' ] , just presented from Christ 's own perspective this time around " .

#### == Chart performance ==

On the Billboard Hot Christian Songs chart , " Call My Name " debuted at No. 15 for the chart week of 26 April 2008 . It advanced to No. 8 in its fourth charting week and to No. 3 in its sixth charting week . In its eighth chart week , " Call My Name " advanced to the top spot , holding the No. 1 spot for a total of thirteen consecutive weeks . The song dropped to No. 3 in its twenty @-@ first chart week , supplanted from the top spot by Brandon Heath 's " Give Me Your Eyes " . After spending twenty @-@ nine weeks on the chart , " Call My Name " dropped out .

On the Billboard Hot Christian AC chart , " Call My Name " spent eleven weeks at No. 1 . It also topped the Radio & Records Christian AC Monitored and Christian AC Indicator charts for eleven weeks each , and the Radio & Records Christian CHR chart for six weeks .

Billboard magazine ranked " Call My Name " second on their 2008 year @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart and third on their 2008 year @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart . Radio & Records ranked it third on their 2008 year @-@ end Christian AC Songs chart and fifth on their 2008 year @-@ end Christian CHR songs chart . Billboard magazine also ranked " Call My Name " twenty @-@ seventh on their decade @-@ end Hot Christian Songs chart and thirty @-@ sixth on their decade @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart .

#### == Other uses ==

" Call My Name " has been featured on the compilation albums WOW Hits 2009 and Now That 's What I Call Faith , as well as on Third Day 's live CD / DVD Live Revelations . Australian country singer Keith Urban covered the song , including it as a bonus track on his 2009 album Defying Gravity .

#### == Live performances ==

Prior to the release of Revelation , Third Day performed " Call My Name " at several of their concerts on the Third Day LIVE Tour ; in particular , the band performed the song on 3 April 2008 at the Mid @-@ Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie , New York , where they were joined on stage by Scotty Wilbanks . At the benefit concert Nashville4Africa , held on 4 April 2009 at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville , Tennessee , the band performed the song with fellow Christian rock artists Jars of Clay . On the 2010 Winter Jam tour , Third Day performed " Call My Name " as part of their set list on 28 and 30 January .

#### == Personnel ==

( Credits lifted from the album liner notes )

#### == Charts ==