

= Don 't Bother =

" Don 't Bother " is a song performed by Colombian singer @-@ songwriter Shakira , taken from her seventh studio album and second English @-@ language album , Oral Fixation , Vol . 2 . The song was released on October 4 , 2005 , by Epic Records as the lead single from the album . The song was written by Shakira , Lauren Christy , Graham Edwards and Scott Spock , and was produced by Shakira . " Don 't Bother " is a rock @-@ influenced song in which Shakira assures her former lover that she does not need his sympathy and can move on without him .

Upon its release , " Don 't Bother " received generally mixed reviews from music critics , who praised Shakira 's vocals but felt that the lyrics of the song were strange . Commercially , the track fared well on record charts , entering the top ten in countries including Austria , Germany , Italy , Switzerland and the United Kingdom . In the United States , the song peaked at number 42 on the US Billboard Hot 100 , and at number 25 on the Billboard Mainstream Top 40 chart . " Don 't Bother " was later certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for digital downloads of 500 @,@ 000 units . An accompanying music video for the song was directed by Jaume de Laiguana , and features Shakira tormenting her former lover by crushing his car in a wrecking yard . For additional promotion , Shakira performed the song on a number of award and reality shows . It was also included in the setlist of her Oral Fixation Tour .

= = Background and composition = =

" Don 't Bother " was written by Shakira and American pop music production trio The Matrix , which is composed of Lauren Christy , Graham Edwards , and Scott Spock . Shakira also produced the song . Similar to her seventh studio album Oral Fixation , Vol . 2 , (2005) , " Don 't Bother " musically shifts to a more rock styled composition as compared to Shakira 's previous releases . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song is published in the key of E minor (Relative key G major is in the chorus) and has a moderate rock tempo of 130 beats per minute . Shakira 's vocal range on the song spans from the key of E3 to E5 . Through the lyrics of the song , Shakira urges her former lover not to " bother " feeling sorry for her after he chose another woman over her . She promises him that he " won ? t ever see me [Shakira] cry " and that she will move on in her life without him . The song contains a spoken bridge in which Shakira lists a number of things she could do to make him stay with her , such as " move (ing) to a communist country " , but admits that they would not have an effect on him . Pam Avoledo from Blogcritics found the theme of the song similar to the one in Shakira 's 2002 single " Objection (Tango) " . Shakira described the song as a feminist anthem , saying :

" I think ' Don 't Bother ' has a lot of pain in it as a song , but also a lot of humour and sarcasm . Yes , it is a way of exorcising all of these feelings , a form of catharsis , getting rid of all of those emotions that torture us women at some point in our lives "

The song was issued by Epic Records as the lead single from Oral Fixation , Vol 2 and was premiered on October 9 , 2005 , in the United States by AOL Music 's First Listen initiative . The single saw its worldwide physical release on October 4 , 2005 . The single was made available for digital download on the iTunes Store on October 18 , 2005 .

= = Critical reception = =

The song received generally mixed reviews from music critics . Matt Cibula from PopMatters praised its theme and Shakira 's " furious and sexual and self @-@ mocking " vocal delivery , but found the song " strange " and " internally inconsistent " . Alexis Petridis from the The Guardian complimented the unpredictable nature of the song , although he also noted that the lyrics at times suggested a " faltering grasp of English " . Edward Oculicz from Stylus Magazine gave it a positive review , calling the song 's chorus " bruised " and " anthemic " and the lyrics " impossible for native speakers to emulate " . Pam Avoledo from Blogcritics was also positive towards the song , noting improvement in Shakira 's vocal delivery and calling them " brassy yet sensitive " . Spencer D. from

IGN Music felt the highlight to the song was Shakira 's spoken bridge , saying that it lets the " light tinges of her accent roll of her tongue and present her as herself rather than the obvious result of previous pop matrons " . Stephen Thomas Erlewine from AllMusic picked the song as a highlight from the album .

= = Chart performance = =

In Austria , the song entered the singles chart at number 17 and peaked at number six , spending a total of 24 weeks on the chart . In Finland , the song entered and peaked at number four on the chart , becoming Shakira 's highest peaking single in the region since " Whenever , Wherever " , (2001) . Its stay in the chart , however , was very short and lasted for only a week . " Don 't Bother " reached number five on the singles chart in Hungary , and also peaked at number six on the airplay chart . In Italy , the song performed moderately well , entering the chart at number 12 and peaking at number eight ; it spent a total of 11 weeks on the chart . In Norway , the song narrowly missed the top five by peaking at number six . In Switzerland , the song entered the chart at number 10 and peaked at number eight ; it stayed on the chart for a long period of 31 weeks . In the United Kingdom , the song debuted and peaked at number nine on the singles chart , spending a total of five weeks on the chart . It was Shakira 's first single since " Objection (Tango) " (2002) , to chart in the country .

In the United States , " Don 't Bother " narrowly missed charting inside the top 40 of the Billboard Hot 100 chart by peaking at number 42 . It spent a total of nine weeks on the chart . On the Mainstream Top 40 chart , it peaked at number 25 and spent a total of 10 weeks on the chart . In the US , the song was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America for shipments of 500 @ , @ 000 units .

= = Music video = =

The accompanying music video for " Don 't Bother " was directed by Jaume de Laiguana , who had previously collaborated with Shakira on the video for " No " , and was released on November 15 , 2005 . The video begins with a man parking his sports car in front of a house and proceeding to enter it . Shakira is seen lying on a bed in the house and the man comes up and lies beside her , indicating that they are a couple . As soon as the man falls asleep , Shakira wakes up and lies atop the man and begins to caress him and bite and whisper in his ear a few times , although he does not wake up . Shakira takes the keys of the man 's car and drives it to a wrecking yard . The video then interludes to scenes of Shakira sexually romancing the man in a shower . The scene then changes back to the wrecking yard , where Shakira begins playing a pink guitar . After the spoken bridge of the song , Shakira places her partner 's car in a car crusher , which soon commences demolishing it . The man reacts in a similar manner to the car being crushed and begins experiencing continuous body jerks and spasms , indicating a connection between his car and his body . After the car is fully destroyed , Shakira leaves the man unconscious on the bed , exits the house , and begins walking on the street triumphantly . Shakira explained the usage of the car symbolism in the video , saying that " A man 's car is like an extension of their ego and their manhood . I thought this would be a video that would make women say , ' Yeah , yeah ! ' and it would make men feel " .

Sal Cinquemani from Slant Magazine positively reacted to the video and found it " rich with symbolism " . Shakira revealed that a nun from a Catholic high school she had attended was angered by the video by saying that " One of the nuns is looking for me after seeing the " Don 't Bother " video " .

= = Live performances = =

Shakira performed " Don 't Bother " live for the first time at the 2005 MTV Europe Music Awards ceremony held on November 3 , 2005 , where she also won the award for " Best Female Artist " . On December 10 , 2005 , she performed the song along with " La Tortura " on Saturday Night Live .

While headlining at the 2007 Live Earth concert held in Hamburg on July 7 , 2007 , Germany , Shakira performed " Don 't Bother " along with three other songs . She performed the song at Rock in Rio held at Madrid , Spain , on July 4 , 2008 . " Don 't Bother " was included in the concert setlist of her Oral Fixation Tour , which was launched to promote the albums Fijación Oral , Vol . 1 and Oral Fixation , Vol . 2 .

= = Track listings = =

CD single

" Don 't Bother " ? 4 : 17

" No " ft . Gustavo Cerati (Album Version) ? 4 : 45

" Don 't Bother " (Jrsnchz Main Mix) ? 5 : 34

" No " ft . Gustavo Cerati (Music video)

Digital download

" Don 't Bother " ? 4 : 17

= = Charts and certifications = =