

= Some Girls (Rachel Stevens song) =

" Some Girls " is a synthpop song written by Richard X and Hannah Robinson for British singer Rachel Stevens . It was included in the 2004 re @-@ release of Stevens ' debut album , Funky Dory , and her second studio album , Come and Get It . The song 's music features a schaffel beat influenced by glam rock , and its lyrics describe a pop singer who performs sexual favours in her efforts to achieve stardom .

The song was released as a charity record for Sport Relief on 12 July 2004 (see 2004 in music) . It received positive reviews from music critics . The single was commercially successful , reaching number two on the UK Singles Chart . Paul Weiland directed the accompanying music video , in which Stevens leads a parade of women out of the sewers and down the streets of London . American dance musician Henri released a cover version of " Some Girls " as a single in 2006 .

The song was recognised as the Best Pop Record of 2004 through the Popjustice £ 20 Music Prize .

= = Background and writing = =

" Some Girls " was written by producer Richard X and songwriter Hannah Robinson . They spent several days working on the song , with girl group Girls Aloud in mind as potential performers . Warp Records and Simon Fuller of 19 Entertainment contacted Richard X by email to ask that he give the song to Geri Halliwell or Stevens , respectively , to record . He agreed to have Stevens record the song after Richard Curtis asked about using the song for Sport Relief 2004 . Richard X later stated that he was surprised Sport Relief chose such a sexually suggestive song . When Halliwell found out that the writers were having Stevens record the song , she locked herself in her car in an attempt to change their minds , and she later wrote Richard X a love song . The aftermath of the decision for Stevens to record the song became the subject of another song written by Richard X and Robinson , " Me Plus One " from Annie 's 2004 album Anniemal . While recording with Stevens , Richard X decided to get spoken soundbites from her to make an extended version for the single 's B @-@ side . To fit the song 's glam sound , he asked her questions about the Winter of Discontent , to which Stevens reacted with " bemusement and terror . "

The lyrics of " Some Girls " describe a pop singer 's dreams of stardom . She performs fellatio on a man promising to make her a star . Stevens stated that she had not interpreted the lyrics to be about oral sex when she recorded the song . Richard X explained that he wanted to illustrate how the music industry treats people , so he and Robinson based some of the song 's lines on anecdotes that they had heard .

The song uses Richard X 's " icy " synthpop sound . The synthesizer used was a Fairlight CMI Series IIx previously owned by pop group the Thompson Twins . It also features the German schaffel beat popularized by glam rock . Reviewers compared the song 's glam @-@ influenced sound to T.Rex 's 1971 single " Hot Love " and the work of Adam Ant . They also noted similarities between " Some Girls " and the more recent electronic glam music on Goldfrapp 's 2003 album Black Cherry .

= = Critical reception = =

" Some Girls " received positive reviews from music critics . PopMatters included it in its " Best Music of 2004 " selection , where Adrien Begrand commented that " Stevens might have no singing voice to speak of , but did she ever score a slice of pop genius with her single ' Some Girls ' , on which the ever @-@ crafty Richard X brazenly hijacks a contagious German schaffel beat and tarts it up with a killer hook in the chorus that never , ever leaves your head " . In his review for The Guardian , Alexis Petridis referred to the song as " remarkable " for turning Stevens ' detached vocal delivery into a strength .

Kelefa Sanneh of The New York Times stated that Richard X 's production allowed Stevens ' vocals to " [melt] into the icy beat " . Ranking " Some Girls " the twentieth best single of 2004 , Pitchfork

Media listed the song twenty @-@ fourth on its " Top 50 Singles of 2004 " & # 258 on the " Top 500 songs of the 2000s " , with Scott Plagenhoef praising its " sharp production " and " Adam Ant @-@ esque ' whoa 's " .

= = Commercial performance = =

" Some Girls " was commercially successful in the United Kingdom . It debuted at number two on the UK Singles Chart . The Shapeshifters ' " Lola 's Theme " kept the song from topping the chart ; noting the song 's lyrics about an exasperated singer whose " dreams of number one last forever " , The Guardian remarked that the song 's chart performance was " as if [it were] following a script " .

BBC Radio 1 and 2 added " Some Girls " to their C playlists in late June 2004 , and in early July , Radio 1 moved the song to its B playlist . The song quickly picked up airplay and was the most played song for the week of 24 July . " Some Girls " remained on the UK Singles Chart for twelve weeks . The song ended the year as the fortieth best @-@ selling single in the UK . Largely due to the success of " Some Girls " , Funky Dory re @-@ entered the UK Albums Chart at number thirteen in August 2004 , selling 14 @,@ 561 copies that week . The song was somewhat less successful in Ireland , where it debuted at number fifteen . It peaked at number thirteen after four weeks and remained on the chart for a total of twelve weeks .

= = Music video = =

The song 's music video was written by Richard Curtis and directed by Paul Weiland . It was filmed at Borough Market in South London . Athletes Colin Jackson , Pat Cash , and Audley Harrison make appearances in the music video .

The video opens with shots of a dank underground sewer . Stevens and a group of women walk through the sewer and put on sunglasses before climbing out of manholes and shafts . A large crowd of women , with Stevens leading them , parades down the streets as men observe the spectacle . The women begin spraying each other with bottles of water , before Stevens returns to the sewer . Throughout the video , sequences of Stevens and a group of backup dancers performing in the sewer are shown .

The video received heavy play from MTV Hits and The Box . Richard X strongly disapproved of the music video . In an interview with the NME , he stated , " That video is crap " , and he briefly commented on his official website that seeing it " made [him] want to give up [his] life " .

= = Track list and formats = =

Rachel Stevens enhanced CD single

" Some Girls " ? 3 : 33

" Spin That Bottle " ? 3 : 23

" Some Girls " (The Sharp Boys Hot Fridge vocal) ? 8 : 35

" Some Girls " (CD @-@ ROM video)

Remixes

" Some Girls " (Richard X Extended Mix)

" Some Girls " (Europa XL Dub)

" Some Girls " (Europa XL Vocal Mix)

Henri CD maxi single

" Some Girls " (The Alumni Radio Mix) ? 3 : 29

" Some Girls " (Norty Cotto Champagne Club Mix) ? 7 : 33

" Some Girls " (Norty Cotto Dub Mix) ? 6 : 35

" Some Girls " (Norty Cotto Dance Radio Mix) ? 3 : 40

= = Charts = =

= = Other versions = =

In 2006 , American dance vocalist Henri covered " Some Girls " as a follow @-@ up to her 2005 debut single , a cover version of Cher 's 2002 song " When You Walk Away " . Her version did not achieve mainstream success . It did , however , reach number six on the U.S. Billboard Hot Dance Club Play and remain on the chart for fifteen weeks . A club mix , dub , and radio edit by Norty Cotto are included on the CD maxi single release .

Former Pussycat Dolls member Kaya Jones recorded a version of " Some Girls " and released it as a promotional single in March 2012 . She later included it for her debut album , which was released April 3 , 2012 .