"No Podrás" (English: "You Can 't") is a song written and composed by Alejandro Zepeda and Peter Skrabak, originally recorded by Mexican recording artist Cristian Castro. Lyrically, the song describes the end of a relationship between two lovers where the protagonist tells the lover that she will not forget how much he loved her. The song was released by Fonovisa Records as the lead single from Castro 's debut studio album Agua Nueva (1992). It peaked at number three on the US Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart. It was well received by music critics, despite negative reception of its parent album.

In 1993, Dominican merengue musician Fernando Villalona covered the song on his album El Niño Mimado. His version of the song peaked at number thirty @-@ two on the US Billboard Hot Latin Songs.

= = Background = =

Cristian Castro rose to fame at age five when he began his acting career with his mother , famous actress and singer , Verónica Castro . His first role was on the telenovela El Derecho de Nacer (1981) . At age seven , he became the lead singer of his band Cristian y los Pollitos (Cristian and the Little Roosters) and performed live on the TV show Siempre en Domingo . At age fourteen , he formed rock band Los Demonios Deliciosos (The Delicious Demons) whom he performed with for two years . After his departure from the band , Castro became a presenter at the annual OTI Festival where he performed the song " 16 Diciembres " (" 16 Decembers ") .

Castro could not afford to record a studio album with his own finances . His friend , Alejandro Zepeda , resolved this problem by selling Castro 's personal belongings , including his car . As a result , Castro recorded his first album , Agua Nueva , produced by Zepeda and released by Fonovisa Records . In 2012 , Castro recorded a live version of "No Podrás " with new arrangements by Matt Rolling and produced Aureo Baqueiro and features fellow Mexican singer Benny Ibarra . This version was included on his second live album En Primera Fila: Día 2 in 2014 .

= = Music and lyrics = =

"No Podrás " was written and composed by Alejandro Zepeda and Peter Skrabak . Lyrically , the song describes the end of a relationship between two lovers where the protagonist tells the lover that she will not forget how much he loved her . As with the other songs in the album , " No Podrás " was recorded and produced in California and promoted by Televisa .

= = Release and reception = =

"No Podrás " debuted at number 39 on the Billboard Hot Latin Songs chart on the week of July 25 , 1992 . The song climbed to the top ten on the week of August 29 , 1992 and peaked at number three two weeks later . To promote the song , a music video was made for " No Podrás " which shows Castro performing the song for a live audience . The song also reached number one on the hit parade chart in Mexico City .

An editor of Caretas magazine , while giving Agua Nueva a negative review , felt that " No Podrás " was " excellent work " and remarked that the other songs in the album did not come close to its quality . An editor of Cromos magazine praised the lyrics of the song and said " it was the most beautiful song I have heard " . On the review of the Castro 's compilation album Esenciales : The Ultimate Collection , Heather Phares of Allmusic commented that " No Podrás " had a " slinky " feel .

= = Formats and track listings = =

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= = Charts = =
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= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the Allmusic .
Cristian Castro ? vocals
Alejandro " Alex " Zepeda ? producer , arranger , songwriting , vocals
Kiko Cibrian ? Arranger , Chorus , Production Coordination ,

= = Fernando Villalona version = =

In 1993, Dominican merengue musician Fernando Villalona covered the song on his album, El Nino Mimado and released it as the album 's first single. His version peaked at number 32 on the Hot Latin Songs chart. In 1997, it appeared on his compilation album Historia de Una Vida. Stephen Erlewine of Allmusic considered the song to be "one of his finest" in his career.

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = = Credits and personnel = = =

Credits adapted from Allmusic.