

= This Time Around ( Michael Jackson song ) =

" This Time Around " is a song by American recording artist and songwriter Michael Jackson that features the vocals from rapper The Notorious B.I.G. The song appears on Jackson 's ninth studio album , entitled HIStory : Past , Present and Future , Book I , which was released in 1995 as a two @-@ disc set . The song and lyrics were written by Michael Jackson , while the music was composed by Dallas Austin , Bruce Swedien and Rene Moore . Dallas Austin and Michael Jackson produced the song , while Bruce Swedien and René Moore served as co @-@ producers . The song 's lyrics details a musician 's problems with being famous and dealing with stardom . In December 1995 , the track was released as a promotional single in the United States only , containing a radio edit and remixes . " This Time Around " had a good chart performance , having charted solely due to radio airplay throughout the country . The song received positive reviews from contemporary music critics .

= = Background and composition = =

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" This Time Around " was written in common time , and was played in the key of D minor . The track 's tempo is a moderate 108 beats per minute . The track has a basic sequence of Dm11 ? Dm9 as its chord progression . The song 's lyrics are about Michael and Biggie 's problems with being famous and dealing with stardom , and throughout the song Jackson asserts that he 's been " falsely accused " . On December 26 , 1995 , the track was released by Epic Records as a promotional single in the United States only . The promo was formatted in three different versions , which were as a standalone CD single with just the song , as a 12 " single with remixes and as a maxi @-@ single .

= = Release and reception = =

" This Time Around " received positive reviews from contemporary music critics in their review for the album . James Hunter of Rolling Stone described the song as being a " dynamite jam ... done with Atlanta R & B hotshot Dallas Austin that 's ripe for remixes " . Jon Pareles of The New York Times believed that Jackson " muttered " lyrics such as " They thought they really had control of me " . Although " This Time Around " did not chart on the Billboard Hot 100 , the track had a good chart performance on music component charts in the United States . The song charted on music charts based solely on radio airplay throughout the country . It charted within the top 40 of the Billboard Rhythmic Top 40 chart in 1995 , peaking at number 36 . The song peaked at number 18 on the Billboard Dance Music / Club Play Singles music charts 1996 . In 1996 , the track also peaked at number 23 on the Billboard Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart .

= = Track listings and formats = =

= = Charts = =