

= Run the World =

" Run the World " is a song recorded by American entertainer Jennifer Lopez for her seventh studio album Love ? (2011) . Written and produced by Terius " The @-@ Dream " Nash and C. " Tricky " Stewart , " Run the World " was one of several songs recorded with the duo following Lopez 's move from Epic Records to Island Records . The track originally featured vocals from The @-@ Dream and a rap verse from American rapper Rick Ross however , the rap verse was removed during mastering process and The @-@ Dream was credited with background vocals instead .

According to Lopez , " Run the World " is about a " type of love when you come together you make each other better ; " noting that she shared that love with her husband Marc Anthony . Relating the song to Anthony , Lopez said she believes that they have made each other better artists and people . " Run the World " is a midtempo pop song that critics compared to Lopez 's 2002 single " Jenny from the Block " .

= = Production and leak = =

" Run the World " was written and produced by Terius " The @-@ Dream " Nash and Tricky Stewart . Lopez 's vocals for the song were produced by Kuk Harrell , who also provided backing vocals alongside Anesha Birchett , Lauren Evans and The @-@ Dream . The vocals were recorded by Jim Annunziato , Josh Gudwin at Record Plant Recording Studios in Los Angeles , California , Larrabee Studios in Hollywood , California and MSR in New York City , New York . Brian " B @-@ Luv " Thomas and Chris " Tek " O 'Ryan handled audio engineering of " Run the World " , with additional engineering from Andrew Wuepper , Pat Thrall , Chris Galland and Chris Soper and assistance from Dustin Capulong , Nick Banns and Steven Dennis . The song was later mixed by Jaycen Joshua with the assistance of Jesus Garnica at Larrabee Studios .

" Run the World " was leaked onto the internet on September 13 , 2010 . The version that leaked featured guest vocals from American rapper Rick Ross , as well as song 's co @-@ producer The @-@ Dream . The @-@ Dream 's featuring credit was demoted to backing vocals and Ross ' rap was removed from the mastered version of the song . In a February 2011 article about the then @-@ upcoming release of Love ? conducted by Rap @-@ Up , Lopez called " Run the World " featuring Ross one of her favorite songs on the album . Ross ' rap from the song was later removed during the mastering process of the track .

= = Lyrical interpretation = =

" Run the World " is a midtempo song with a length of three minutes and fifty @-@ five seconds (3 : 55) . It was cited by Shane Phoenix of Hot Spots as " bringing back " the old school feel of Lopez 's single " Jenny from the Block " ; the " feel and style that made ' The Girl from the Block ' [Lopez] so famous " . The song contains " nice drum synchs with a real throw back feel " , that will " get you tapping your foot and swaging back and forth " . Although Lopez did not write the song herself , " Run the World " is based on her relationship with husband Marc Anthony . The song is about a " type of love when you come together you make each other better " . Lopez further stated that she believes that since her and Anthony have been together they have made each other better artists and better people ? " and that 's when you can really run the world " .

Of working with Stewart and The @-@ Dream , Lopez stated that : " What I love about great producers and writers is that they can take you and transport you right into this moment , but not change you . And that 's what I feel like Tricky and Dream did with this record . They took that ' Jenny from the Block ' side of me , which is still very much a part of who I am and will always be , and they put it right there on that track " . According to Scott Shetler of PopCrush , " Run the World " contains an optimistic message and upbeat melody . Shetler particularly noted the lyric " Our love could run the world " as a good example of the optimism in the song .

Lopez told MTV News at an album @-@ release event in May 2011 , that out of all the songs on Love ? , she was most excited for people to hear " Run the World " , " (What Is) Love ? " , " One

Love " , " Papi " and " Starting Over " . Lopez stated that : " They all express different moments in love and that 's what this album was about . You know , sometimes it 's difficult , sometimes it 's amazing , sometimes overwhelming , sometimes you just don 't know what to do . And I hope that I captured all of that on this album " . MTV News noted that on the songs , Lopez might be " giving us some insight about what she was dealing with in her personal life in the months before it was released " .

= = Critical response = =

Digital Spy 's Robert Copsey noted the song to be inspired by J to tha L ? O ! The Remixes (2002) . He concluded by stating that the song was worthy of a standalone release . Monica Herrera from Billboard complimented The @-@ Dream for the production of the song and his background vocals . She continued by calling " Run the World " refreshingly self @-@ assured . When the original version of the song leaked online , an editor from Vibe commented that with the help of The @-@ Dream and Rick Ross , Lopez " takes another shot at running the charts " . Shane Phoenix of Hot Spots said that the keys are " a little lost " and the synth clapping is over used , but the " breaks are amazing and the lyrics have something to say " .

Poppy Reid of The Music Network criticized the song for its reliance on auto @-@ tune and lyrics " you just don 't expect (or want) from a 41 @-@ year @-@ old " . UR Chicago 's Neil Miller , Jr. also gave a negative review of the song , questioning if " Run the World " was meant for Lopez , stating that : " Because up until this point , it seemed like we were listening to the album that Brave was meant to be ? a collection of tracks meant to make us dance , not ones that we 're supposed to blast out of our trunks . Swagata Panjari of Radio and Music gave a negative review of the song , stating that it is " slow paced and has a miss on beats which leaves listeners wanting for more " .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Love ? .