

= Cowboy Style =

" Cowboy Style " is a song recorded by Australian recording artist and songwriter Kylie Minogue , for her sixth studio album Impossible Princess ( 1997 ) . The song was released as the fourth and final single on 18 August 1998 through Mushroom . Minogue co @-@ wrote the track with Steve Anderson and Dave Seaman while Brothers in Rhythm produced it . Backed by guitars , synthesisers and drum instruments , " Cowboy Style " is a Celtic pop track in which Minogue sings about her relationship with Stephane Sednaoui . Critical response to " Cowboy Style " was positive ; some critics praised the song 's composition , Minogue 's song writing and highlighted it as a career stand out track . Released in Australia and New Zealand , the song charted at number thirty @-@ nine on the Australian Singles Chart .

Minogue promoted " Cowboy Style " by performing it on her Intimate and Live Tour from June to August 1998 . One of the live performances , directed by Michael Williams , was used as the music video . She later performed it on her Fever Tour ( 2002 ) and Showgirl : The Homecoming Tour ( 2006 ) . The song was later included in the track list of Minogue 's compilation albums Confide in Me ( 2002 ) and Confide in Me : The Irresistible Kylie ( 2007 ) .

= = Background = =

" Cowboy Style " was written by Minogue , Steve Anderson and Dave Seaman , and was one of the first songs composed for the album . Minogue wrote the song prior to being in a relationship with French photographer Stephane Sednaoui with different lyrical context , but it was completed while she was dating . Of the song , Minogue said " the way you start a new relationship with someone , they can bring out so many emotions within you and makes you question yourself a bit more . " The title " Cowboy Style " comes from when she first met Sednaoui in person , where she recalled him looking " unusual " and felt like he was " the new cowboy coming into town " .

Following the weak commercial performance of her previous single " Breathe " , Minogue left Deconstruction Records . While performing on her Intimate and Live concert tour in Australia , Minogue confirmed that she would release " Cowboy Style " as the fourth single in Australia and New Zealand by Mushroom Records . The single 's artwork was shot during the Intimate and Live tour by Simon Emmert , which featured Minogue with a leather bra and a cowboy hat on . Idolator listed the artwork as one of " Kylie 's Best Single Covers " , saying " Leather bra and a cowboy hat . Enough said . " An unedited shot of the cover was featured in her Kylie photo album book , released in August 1999 .

= = Composition = =

" Cowboy Style " was recorded at Real World Studios , Sarm West and DMC Studios in London , England and was mixed by Alan Bremner at Real World . Instrumentally , Greg Bones and Anderson played the guitar , Johnnie Hardie played the fiddle , and all other instrumentals played by Anderson . " Cowboy Style " is a Celtic pop song that lasts a duration of four minutes and forty @-@ four seconds . Sal Cinquemani from Slant Magazine commented that " Cowboy Style features a tribal percussion break and a string quartet that sounds more Celtic than country . " Online music critic Adrian Denning compared the song to the work of Icelandic recording artist and songwriter Björk . Nick Levine from Digital Spy said " Oh , and in ' Cowboy Style ' , it has a track that manages to sound a little bit Celtic and a little bit Middle Eastern . Pete Waterman must have wept . "

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

" Cowboy Style " received favorable reviews from music critics . Chris True from Allmusic

highlighted the song as an album stand out . Michael R. Smith from The Daily Vault compared the song in retrospect to American singer Madonna 's song " Don 't Tell Me " , writing ; " " Cowboy Style " is everything a country @-@ tinged song like Madonna ? s " Don ? t Tell Me " should have been . It ? s the one track that left me wanting more of the same - extended remixes , at the very least . ? A reviewer from Who Magazine was positive towards the track , stating " An almost Eastern feel under a free @-@ flowing melody . Classic poppy Kyles . " C. Adams from Herald Sun commended the track by saying " Cowboy Style manages to border from country music and remain cool . " Gary James from Entertainment Focus praised all her written tracks and selected " Say Hey " , " Too Far " , " Cowboy Style " and " Limbo " for her being able to portray an " sense of claustrophobia and uncertainty . "

John Mangan from The Age was positive in his review , saying the song is a " funky hoe @-@ down sound " . A reviewer from the publication The Backlot listed the song at number eleven on their " Kylie Minogue 's Best Songs , In Honor of Her Birthday " and said " This stylistic mishmash ( featuring a deep Celtic sound that , maybe , Alison Krauss could fiddle along with ) is a hard @-@ driving , adrenalized , sexualized quest for freedom . How do you deal with the fact that Kylie sings , " I am frightened , I ? m aroused , I ? m enlightened to the now ' and totally sells it ? " Online critic Adrian Denning from his website Adriandenning.co.uk said " Too Far flows well into the impressive , eastern flavored Cowboy Style . Either one of these two songs would have made better singles than the ones eventually chosen , by the way . ? Sputnikmusic highlighted the track as an album stand out , commenting " Cowboy Style a funky western jam that might possibly get country fans to do a line dance , this is the mother to Madonna ? s " Don ? t Tell Me " . Kylie ? s creativity to mix her style with a genre that can be a put off to the masses is a surprise and one of the albums highlights . "

= = = Commercial performance = = =

" Cowboy Style " entered at thirty @-@ nine on 18 October 1998 , the lowest single that week . It is the lowest charting single from the Impossible Princess album . " Cowboy Style " was Minogue 's lowest charting single overall until her Towa Tei collaboration " GBI ( German Bold Italic ) " , which was released two months after , at number fifty on the chart . It was also her lowest charting solo single in Australia until it was surpassed by her digital single " Put Your Hands Up ( If You Feel Love ) " from Aphrodite ( 2010 ) at fifty , and her physical single " Into the Blue " from Kiss Me Once ( 2014 ) which peaked at number forty @-@ six , her worst performing lead single there .

= = Promotion and live performances = =

The music video for " Cowboy Style " was directed by Michael Williams and taped at a sound check at one of the Intimate and Live shows in June 1998 . The music video was dubbed with the radio edit , and it was featured on the CD single . The music video was released on the DVD version of Greatest Hits 87 ? 99 in June 2003 . Minogue performed " Cowboy Style " on the Australian morning TV series Hey Hey It 's Saturday . This was her fourth consecutive performance that had aired on the TV series that featured performances of all her Impossible Princess singles .

Minogue included the song on the set list for her 1998 concert tour Intimate and Live . The performance was recorded on 30 June and 1 July at Capitol Theatre in Sydney , and appeared on the related CD and DVD . The live version also appeared on her promotional single " Dancing Queen " . " Cowboy Style " was included on her 2002 Australian and European tour Fever Tour . The performance featured Minogue standing on a level of staircases and has Minogue in a bright @-@ pink sleeveless jacket with white cargo pants . The performance was recorded on 4 May 2002 at Manchester Arena in Manchester , England , and was released on 4 November that same year . The song 's most recent performance was on the Showgirl : The Homecoming Tour in 2006 . The performance was recorded on 12 November 2006 in Sydney , Australia and was released as a double CD set .

= = Other usage = =

" Cowboy Style " was released in mid @-@ 1997 in the UK on a cassette tape with all other album tracks as part of a promotional release and a CD sampler . " Cowboy Style " has been featured on many of Minogue 's compilation albums . Its first appearance was on her 2002 BMG greatest hits compilation album Confide in Me , a compilation consisting majority off her singles and tracks from her Deconstruction period ; Heather Phares from Allmusic praised the Impossible Princess tracks including " Cowboy Style " . It then appeared on her 2003 compilation album Greatest Hits : 87 ? 99 , and her 2004 album Artist Collection , which included most of her Impossible Princess era . It appeared on the first disc of Confide in Me : The Irresistible Kylie released in July 2007 by UK independent label Music Club and her K25 : Time Capsule by Warner Music Australia .

= = Formats and track listings = =

These are the formats and track listings of major single releases of " Cowboy Style " .  
CD Single

" Cowboy Style " ( Radio Edit ) ? 3 : 51

" Love Takes Over Me " ( Single version ) ? 4 : 09

" Cowboy Style " music video

Promotional CD

" Cowboy Style " ( Radio Edit ) ? 3 : 51

" Love Takes Over Me " ( Single version ) ? 4 : 09

Digital music video download

" Cowboy Style " ( music video ) ? 3 : 51

= = Personnel = =

Credits adapted from the album 's liner notes .

Kylie Minogue ? Vocals , songwriting , vocal production

Steve Anderson ? Songwriting , guitar , drums , keyboards

David Seaman ? Songwriting , guitar , drums

Greg Bones ? Guitar

Alan Bremner ? Engineer , mixing production

Paul Wright ? Engineer

Johnnie Hardie ? fiddle

Stephane Sednaoui ? Photographer , designer

Farrow Design ? Cover sleeve programmer

= = Charts = =