

= You Lost Me =

" You Lost Me " is a song by American recording artist Christina Aguilera from her sixth studio album Bionic ( 2010 ) . It was written by Aguilera , Sia Furler and the producer Samuel Dixon . " You Lost Me " was released on June 27 , 2010 , by RCA Records as the third single from Bionic in the United States and the second elsewhere . The track is a down @-@ tempo ballad that talks about an unfaithful man , who has left Aguilera 's world " infected " .

" You Lost Me " was well received by most critics , who noted it as one of the album 's outstanding songs and praised Aguilera 's vocals on the track . However , it was unsuccessful on charts worldwide . In the United States , the single reached number 20 on the Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles , but topped the Hot Dance Club Play chart . The song had moderate success in Belgium and Israel , peaking in the top twenty in both countries .

The music video for the song was directed by Anthony Mandler . It was received positively by critics , who described it as a comeback by Aguilera following her video for Bionic 's lead single " Not Myself Tonight " ( 2010 ) . Aguilera performed " You Lost Me " on several television shows . The song has been covered by artists .

= = Background and release = =

In August 2008 , Australian recording artist Sia confirmed that she would work on several ballads for Aguilera 's then @-@ upcoming album . Aguilera commented about the collaboration , " I 'm definitely a fan of Sia 's . I was thrilled she also wanted to work together and , in turn , was a fan of mine " . In an interview for Billboard , Sia said , " She [ Aguilera ] was just excited to get to work with the artists she loves . There 's this misconception that she 's a middle @-@ America kind of person . But she 's a little hipster . You go back to her house and sit by the fire with some wine , and what 's playing over the sound system ? The Knife and Arthur Russell . She doesn 't listen to pop music " .

In the standard edition of Bionic , the couple co @-@ wrote three tracks , including " You Lost Me " . The song was described as " the heart of the album " by Aguilera . According to the Herald Sun , Aguilera wanted to collaborated more with Furler for the album . " You Lost Me " was announced to be released as the third single in the US and the second internationally from Bionic , while " I Hate Boys " would be the second single in Australia . The single 's cover artwork was revealed three days later via her official website . RCA Records officially released the song to US contemporary hit radio on June 27 , 2010 . A radio remix version of the track was digitally released on 7digital stores worldwide in July 2010 . Two digital EPs containing remixes of the song were also distributed by RCA Records later that year .

= = Composition = =

" You Lost Me " was written by Aguilera , Furler and its producer , Samuel Dixon . The song is a ballad lasts for a duration of 4 : 17 ( four minutes and 17 seconds ) . Written in the key of A minor , " You Lost Me " has a tempo of 50 beats per minute . Aguilera 's vocal range spans from E ? 3 to E5 . The verses are sung by Aguilera using melisma . The song 's instrumentation comes from piano and strings . Hinshaw Drew of The Village Voice labelled it the " un @-@ bionic moment on the record " .

Lyrically , " You Lost Me " talks about a " cheating " man , who has left Aguilera 's world " infected " . Amar Toor from AOL Radio thought that its lyrical content " perfectly captures one of the most difficult experiences young lovers have to go through " . The song begins with a " somber orchestral " piano opening , followed by the lines " I am done , smoking gun / We 've lost it all , the love is gone " sung by Aguilera . During the chorus , she sings , " I feel like our world 's been infected / And somehow you left me neglected " . Toward the ending , Aguilera 's " painful " and " catharsis " voice " crescendos dramatically " . According to Jon Pareles from The New York Times , Aguilera " barely " holds back her tears in the song . The Village Voice critic Drew Hinshaw thought that Aguilera is " less vexed by what he did than what he lost " .

= = Critical reception = =

" You Lost Me " received generally positive reviews from music critics . Leah Greenblatt from Entertainment Weekly noted Furler 's efforts on the " lovely " ballads " You Lost Me " , " All I Need " , and " I Am " had turned Aguilera into a " smoky , almost Fiona Apple @-@ esque torch singer " . Elysa Gardner of USA Today highlighted the song as one of the album 's standout ballads . According to Genevieve Koski from The A.V. Club , " You Lost Me " is the kind of ballad Aguilera " is best suited to " . Mesfin Fekadu of Northwest Herald thought that the " emotional " song shows off " the diva 's powerful voice " , while Drew Hinshaw from The Village Voice deemed " You Lost Me " as the most vulnerable song from Bionic .

Michael Cragg , writing for musicOMH , wrote that the ballads co @-@ written by Furler make Bionic " the first Aguilera album where the ballads aren 't ruined by her tendency to cover all the notes on the scale " . Her further compared " You Lost Me " to Aguilera 's previous hit " Beautiful " ( 2002 ) . Digital Spy editor Robert Cospey gave the song three stars out of five , praising her vocals yet thinking that the song " somehow lacks the sincerity " as she displayed on " Hurt " and " Oh Mother " . On a negative side , Sam Lansky from MTV Buzzworthy deemed " You Lost Me " a " weepy " song .

= = Chart performance = =

In the United States , " You Lost Me " debuted and peaked on the Bubbling Under Hot 100 Singles chart at number 20 on June 26 , 2010 , becoming Aguilera 's first US single not to chart within the main Billboard Hot 100 . The song also peaked at number 28 on the Adult Contemporary , where it remained for four weeks . It was a success on the Hot Dance Club Play , peaking atop the chart . In the United Kingdom , " You Lost Me " became Aguilera 's lowest @-@ charting single in the country , only peaking at number 153 on the UK Singles Chart . The single also charted at number 78 in Slovakia , and number 79 in the Netherlands . The song was more commercially successful in Belgium , where it charted at number 19 on the Wallonian Ultratop chart . In Israel , it became a top @-@ ten hit on the Media Forest chart .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " You Lost Me " was directed by Anthony Mandler . According to Aguilera , the video " strips back the theatrics " . She also revealed that it used over 200 pounds of charcoal . During the making of the video , Aguilera said , " It was really important that I interpret the simplicity of the raw emotion that takes place within the song itself and not any sort of theatrics involved " . On July 22 , 2010 , the music video was released on Aguilera 's VEVO channel . Two days before the release , a sneak peek of the music video was revealed . According to Billboard writer Monica Herrera , the clip contrasts with the music video for the lead single of Bionic " Not Myself Tonight " , while Chris Ryan for MTV Buzzworthy thought that it goes " back to basics " .

The video features Aguilera with " strawberry @-@ blonde " hair . It begins with a close @-@ up of a gun barrel . Then , she slowly walks through a " deserted " bedroom and lies down in the room , which is filled with charcoal , while crying . She is seen with mascara streaming down her cheeks . As the scene moves on , Aguilera is fighting against a shirtless man , who is considered her lover . The clip ends as Aguilera takes off her shirt in an " Inception @-@ like dreamworld " . Critical response to " You Lost Me " video was positive : Latina writer Mariela Rosario and UK magazine OK ! noted that the clip was a comeback by Aguilera following the video for Bionic lead single " Not Myself Tonight " . Monica Hererra from Billboard also thought that it represents " a kind of return to form for Aguilera " . Writing for Entertainment Weekly , Brad Wete thought that the video for " You Lost Me " " has some quality material " . Similarly , MTV Buzzworthy 's Chris Ryan complimented it as one of Aguilera 's best videos ever .

= = Live performances and covers = =

Aguilera performed " You Lost Me " for the first time at the season finale of the ninth season of American Idol on May 26 , 2010 . Following the rendition of Aguilera 's songs " Beautiful " and " Fighter " by the top six female contestants , Aguilera appeared onstage as the stage went dark . Wearing a " demure black ensemble " , her hair was pulled back in her curls . On June 8 , 2010 , Aguilera performed the song again with several of her tracks , " Fighter " , " Bionic " , " Not Myself Tonight " , and " Beautiful " . According to James Dinh from MTV News , the performance of " You Lost Me " " brought a subtle and gentle ambience " to the show , and it was not aired on television .

During the Late Show with David Letterman aired on June 10 , 2010 , the singer performed " You Lost Me " with " 1950 's @-@ inspired hair " , red lipstick , " diamante leggings " and a white " glitter style cut @-@ out blouse " with " red sparkly stilettos " . A day later , she appeared on The Early Show to promote her then @-@ upcoming album Bionic , performing " Not Myself Tonight " , " Fighter " , " You Lost Me " , and a medley of " Genie in a Bottle " and " What a Girl Wants " . Aguilera performed the song again as part of her performance on VH1 Storytellers , aired on June 13 , 2010 .

On November 12 , 2010 , Canadian @-@ Cypriot @-@ Portuguese singer Nikki Ponte covered the song on the third week of the third season of The X Factor ( Greece ) . American singer Marcus Canty performed " You Lost Me " on the first season of The X Factor ( US ) on November 23 , 2011 . The track was recorded in a studio by Ewelina Lisowska , a semifinalist from the second season of the Polish version for The X Factor . " You Lost Me " was also performed by Spanish singer Alberto Bellido Marquez during the auditions of the third season of The X Factor in Germany on September 7 , 2012 , and Ukrainian The X Factor contestant Vladyslav Kurasov on January 19 , 2013 .

In 2014 Maltese child singer , Veronica Rotin , covered this song on her debut album , Veronica Rotin .

= = Formats and track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recording and vocals recording ? The Red Lips Room in Beverly Hills , California

Personnel

Credits adapted from Bionic album liner notes .

= = Charts = =

= = Radio and release history = =