

= In My Place =

" In My Place " is a song by the British alternative rock band Coldplay . The song was written collaboratively by all the band members for their second album , A Rush of Blood to the Head . The track is built around thumping drums and chiming guitars . It was released on 5 August 2002 as the lead single from A Rush of Blood to the Head and reached number two on the UK Singles Chart . The song also reached number 17 on Billboard 's Modern Rock Tracks .

" In My Place " was well received by critics , who complimented its arrangement and profound lyrics . The song won the award for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal at the 45th Grammy Awards .

= = Background and composition = =

In an interview with Q magazine , frontman Chris Martin stated that " In My Place " was a song Coldplay had left after recording their debut album Parachutes (2000) . When the band finished recording their second album A Rush of Blood to the Head , Martin said that the album was complete . However , after guitarist Jonny Buckland played the song on his guitar , Martin said that they now needed to record it and include it on the album . Martin also said that : " That 's about where you 're put in the world , and how you 're given your position , and the way you look , and how you have to get on with it . " In an interview , Buckland revealed that the song was hard to record , as the band had played the song live . He also commented that when they started recording the song , they did not know how it should sound , due to the band members ' contrasting ideas .

The song opens with a single crash cymbal followed by two bars of 4 / 4 drumming , then a plaintive three @-@ note guitar line rings through a strummy rhythm , and Martin 's vocals . Its instrumentation is varied with the sound of thumping drums , chiming guitars , a singalong chorus , and a string arrangement . The song also features a guitar lick swirl . The three lines of the third verse allude to a man 's love of a woman , who does not reciprocate his love . He is saying he will always wait for her , but he does not think that she should stay where she is any longer . The lyrics emphasize : " But I wait for you / if you go , if you go / leaving me here on my own / well I wait for you . " The song 's lyrics also include references to a desire for weary optimism .

= = Critical reception = =

Critics were positive towards the song . In the Entertainment Weekly review of the album , critic David Browne wrote : " Songs like ' In My Place ' and ' Warning Sign ' marry lyrics imbued with deep regret and mistakes (' ' ... You were an island / And I passed you by ' ' in the touching latter song) with lyrical melodies and guitar hooks that twinkle and sparkle . " Adrien Begrand of PopMatters wrote : " When the shimmering , pretty lead @-@ off single ' In My Place ' represents the album 's weakest moment , you know you 've got something extraordinary . Currently storming the charts a la ' Yellow ' , ' In My Place ' is another surprisingly simple song , carried by Jonny Buckland 's chiming guitar and Chris Martin 's heartfelt vocals . It really shouldn 't amount to much , but Coldplay make it work very well . When Martin sings , " Please , please , please / Come back and sing to me , " he totally sells it , and you buy it . And why not ? The song 's lovely .

Amy M. Bruce of The Towerlight wrote : " With a slew of introspective rock songs like ' In My Place ' and ' God Put a Smile upon Your Face , ' this album is worthy of the hype surrounding the band 's first album . " Jules Willis of the BBC wrote : " The second track , the first written post @-@ Parachutes and sounding like a refugee from that album , is the grower ' In My Place ' . It 's a fantastic pop tune that justifies Coldplay 's status as one of UK 's most exciting bands . "

= = Commercial performance = =

Coldplay released " In My Place " in the US and UK on 5 August 2002 as the album 's lead single . The single was pressed with two B @-@ sides : " One I Love " and " I Bloom Blaum " . The single

cover features Buckland , with art directed by Sølve Sundsbø .

" In My Place " peaked at number two on UK Singles Chart on 17 August 2002 , kept off the top by " Colourblind " by Darius Danesh . It stayed in the chart until 23 November 2002 . The song reached number seventeen on Billboard 's Hot Modern Rock Tracks in 2002 . The band were yet to have a number one single . In 2005 , " Speed of Sound " , the lead single of the band 's third album , X & Y , also reached number two , but never the number one position . " Speed of Sound " was marked as Coldplay 's most successful single until " Viva la Vida " , reached number one in 2008 .

A live recording of " In My Place " from Glastonbury Festival 2011 was released to download on 26 June 2011 .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " In My Place " was directed by Sophie Muller . It debuted on 17 June 2002 on AOL . It features a by @-@ the @-@ numbers band performance , in which Coldplay are playing in a huge , nearly empty room . The two women in the background were members of the video crew : a makeup artist / wardrobe assistant and the video commissioner . The video starts off with band playing ; while they play , Chris Martin , who is sitting in a corner , gets up and joins them in the song . During the video , Martin sings directly to the camera . During the guitar solo , Martin runs up to the two women in the background , talks to them for a while , and then returns to sing the rest of the song . The video concludes with the band finishing the song .

The video was subjected to a spoof by Bad Lip Reading on their YouTube page . It was dubbed with the song " Yeti " that was composed and recorded , like BLR 's other videos , to humorously reinterpret the lip movement and action in the video . " Yeti " has received well over a million views on YouTube .

= = Personnel = =

Chris Martin ? lead vocals , synthesizer
Jonny Buckland ? guitar
Guy Berryman ? bass guitar
Will Champion ? drums , backing vocals

= = Awards = =

" In My Place " won a Grammy Award in the category of Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal at the 2003 Grammy Awards . The song was nominated for two MuchMusic Video Awards for Best international video ? group and People 's Choice : Favorite international group .

= = Usage in media = =

In 2003 , " In My Place " was featured on Coldplay 's live album , Live 2003 . In 2012 , " In My Place " was featured on Coldplay 's live album Live 2012 . The song appeared in the 2006 episode " Saving Sammy " on CBS ' television series Cold Case . The song was used as a closing montage song about a case from 2003 . The track appeared again on an episode of the television series Fastlane . The song is also featured in as playable in Guitar Hero 5 . In 2010 the song was on the cbs show Ghost Whisperer . Most notably , the song was also featured in the hit WB (now CW) show Smallville in the second season premiere .

= = Track listing = =

" In My Place " ? 3 : 48
" One I Love " ? 4 : 35
" I Bloom Blaum " ? 2 : 11

All versions of the official single included the B @-@ side , " One I Love " . This track was regularly performed on the subsequent A Rush of Blood to the Head Tour and is also featured on the Coldplay Live 2003 DVD .

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = = Literature = = =

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