

= Lucky ( Britney Spears song ) =

" Lucky " is a song recorded by American singer Britney Spears for her second studio album , *Oops ! ... I Did It Again* ( 2000 ) . It was released on August 8 , 2000 by JIVE Records as the second single of the album . After meeting with producers Max Martin and Rami Yacoub in Sweden , the singer recorded several songs for the album , including " Lucky " . The song tells a story about a famous movie star named Lucky , who , despite seemingly having it all ? fame , wealth , beauty ? is truly lonely and unhappy on the inside . It received critical acclaim from music critics , who considered its melody and rhythm as sweet and catchy , and noted the lyrics to be about Spears herself .

" Lucky " achieved commercial success worldwide , peaking at number one in Austria , Germany , Sweden and Switzerland , while reaching the top ten in several European countries . In the United Kingdom , the song peaked at number five , and is Spears ' tenth best @-@ selling single in the country , having sold over 225 @,@ 000 copies there . An accompanying music video was directed by Dave Meyers , and portrays Spears as herself and a melancholy movie star Lucky , who just want to have some fun in life . Spears has performed " Lucky " in a number of live appearances and in two of her concert tours .

= = Background and composition = =

In 1999 , Spears began work on her second studio album *Oops ! ... I Did It Again* ( 2000 ) , in Sweden and Switzerland . After meeting with Max Martin and Rami Yacoub in Sweden , Spears recorded several songs for the album , including " Lucky " , which was co @-@ written and co @-@ produced by Martin and Rami , with additional co @-@ writing from Alexander Kronlund . Upon returning to the United States , the singer revealed in an interview with MTV News that : " I just got back from Sweden , and did half [ of ] the material [ for *Oops !* ] over there . I was really , really happy with the material , but we had [ such ] limited time to get so much done . So I 've just really been in the studio nonstop , which is cool , though . " Spears recorded her vocals for the song , the first week of November 1999 at Cheiron Studios in Stockholm , Sweden . " Lucky " was released on August 8 , 2000 as the second single from the album .

" Lucky " is a song that lasts for three minutes and 24 seconds . According to the digital music sheet published at Musicnotes.com , the song is composed in the key of D ? major ( but will later modulate to E ? major at the end of the bridge ) and is set in the time signature of common time with a moderate tempo of 95 beats per minute , while Spears ' vocal range spans over an octave , from A ? 3 to E ? 5 . " Lucky " has a basic sequence of D ? ? B ? m ? G ? ? A ? as its chord progression . David Veitch of Calgary Sun and Chuck Taylor of Billboard compared the song 's rhythm to the ones of Spears ' previous singles " ... Baby One More Time " ( 1998 ) and " Sometimes " ( 1999 ) . Lyrically , Spears tells " a story about a girl named Lucky , " who is a famous pop star that , despite having all that she wants , still feels lonely inside . Veitch also commented that the lyrics actually refer to Spears ' life .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

" Lucky " received general acclaim from music critics . A review by the NME staff said that " Lucky " is " perhaps Britney 's finest moment . The ultimate mallrat , bittersweet teenage symphony . " They considered the song Spears ' version of " Where Did It All Go Wrong ? " by English rock band Oasis , and went to describe its lyrical content as " a heart @-@ rending tale of life at the top of the teen pop tree , transformed into an anthem for dramatic , moody 12 @-@ year @-@ old girls everywhere by Max Martin 's scary talent for teenybop lyrics . " However , it was noted that some of the lyrics " sounds pretty heavy when you 've just been dumped and Britney 's Mickey Mouse Club @-@

trained falsetto is reaching its peak . " David Veitch of Calgary Sun called " Lucky " a " sweetly melodic mid @-@ tempo song " and regarding the lyrics commented , " We feel her pain . " Billboard magazine contributor Chuck Taylor praised " Lucky " and featured the song on the Spotlight column of his Singles Review section . Taylor stated that : " its contagious melody , bang @-@ in @-@ your @-@ brain hook , the empathetic theme of a girl who 's the world biggest superstar and yet feels all alone ( hmm ... ) will make it an easy sell to top 40 radio and to her grand legion of dedicated fans " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

In the United States " Lucky " peaked at number 23 on Billboard Hot 100 and number nine on the Top 40 Mainstream chart . It also peaked at number 39 on the Hot Dance Music / Maxi @-@ Singles Sales component chart , and number 14 on Rhythmic Top 40 . " Lucky " also achieved commercial success worldwide , reaching number one in Austria , Europe , Sweden and Switzerland , while reaching the top ten in several European countries . On the week of August 28 , 2000 " Lucky " debuted at number 5 in the Official Charts Company from the United Kingdom , falling to number six in the following week . According to the Official Charts Company , it is her tenth best @-@ selling single in the country , having sold over 225 @,@ 000 copies there . In Australia , the song peaked at number three , and was later certified Platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association ( ARIA ) , for shipments of more than 70 @,@ 000 units of the single . In Germany , the song reached number one on the Media Control Charts , being certified Gold by the Bundesverband Musikindustrie ( BVMI ) for shipping over 250 @,@ 000 units of the single .

= = Music video = =

JIVE Records commissioned a music video for " Lucky " to be directed by Dave Meyers . According to Jocelyn Vena of MTV , Spears portrays " a melancholy movie star who wants nothing more than to have a little fun " .

The video begins with Spears telling a story about a very famous Hollywood actress named Lucky . Lucky is seen wearing a pink nightgown behind the curtains , standing on her billboard with fluffy white cotton balls attached to the edges , inside her mansion and shots of her out on the balcony . As beautiful and rich as she is , on set she sits on the star @-@ shape in the sky , as she is acting , she is looking quite distressed . After the first chorus , she goes to the hotel mansion to the flowers , then she leaves and sits down and gets a mirror . Next , Lucky opens the door to reveal a handsome man , who then takes her in his arms , as the director yells " Cut ! We 've got it " . Lucky then walks off @-@ set into the studio , replying to the director : " Finally ! We 've done it fifty @-@ million times ! " She then goes to have her hair and makeup done ; with Spears standing unnoticed and very worried looking by her side . Lucky is then seen in a shiny gray evening gown at the Academy Awards accepting her award for Best Actress . Lucky looks happy as she accepts it and smiles at her fans but is soon revealed that this is not true happiness . She makes her way away from her screaming fans and back into her limo , where she unexpectedly finds an ornate hand mirror that was used on the film set . She looks back to the crowd to see who has left it and sees Spears leaning forward in the crowd . The limo drives away , leaving Spears behind on the red carpet . The video ends with Lucky crying herself to sleep , her make @-@ up already stained on her face . The curtains close , ending the video .

A Billboard staff reviewer noted that the story " turned out to be less than pure fiction when the singer later went through personal problems in the very public eye . " Jarett Wieselman of the New York Post rated the video a C + and stated that : " Britney 's first Hollywood cautionary tale video didn 't seem quite as telling at the time , but with a little distance , the lyrics and concept seem so much sadder " . A writer of Rolling Stone said that " Lucky " is best known for " being the first Spears video to focus on what would become a recurring theme : her conflicted relationship to fame " .

= = Live performances and cover version = =

Spears performed " Lucky " for the first time during her Oops ! ... I Did It Again World Tour in 2000 . The performance of the song featured a navy theme . The track was also on the Dream Within a Dream Tour ( 2001 ? 02 ) , where Spears emerged from the middle of a giant musical box on the stage as a ballerina , to perform the song in a medley with " Born to Make You Happy " and " Sometimes " , right after the performance of " Overprotected " . Spears also performed the song on several television appearances , including at the Top of the Pops Germany in 2000 , and at The Today Show . " Lucky " was included on the setlist of the Britney : Piece of Me , Spears ' Las Vegas residency show ( 2013 - 2015 ) .

Country singer Taylor Swift performed the song on her Speak Now World Tour on September 20 , 2011 located in Louisiana , as a tribute to Spears . Wearing her signature lilac dress , Swift started to play the first chords of " Lucky " on her guitar , while singing , " Early morning / She wakes up / With a knock , knock , knock on the the [ sic ] door / It 's time for makeup / Perfect smile / It 's you they 're all waiting for . " Scott Shetler of Pop Crush said that " the crowd energy for the Britney cover didn 't seem as high as when Swift covered Eminem in Detroit or Justin Bieber in Toronto . " Jenna Hally Rubenstein of MTV , however , praised the performance , and noted that the show 's crowd gave a positive reaction to the cover , saying , " though the video is sideways and features the amateur videographer 's own personal sing @-@ along , the excitement in her voice is a testament to Taylor 's song choice . Or in other words , we can almost guarantee that every normal , living , breathing Louisiana @-@ bred girl in attendance at Taylor 's show is also obsessed with Britney Spears . " Becky Bain of Idolator said that she had no doubts that Swift would cover a Spears song , but was surprised that the song Swift chose was " Lucky " . PopDust writer Katherine St Asaph said that " Lucky " is " one of the few Britney lyrics that could just as easily be written for / by Taylor and one of the few songs that wouldn 't need massive re @-@ arranging . "

= = Track listings = =

= = Credits and personnel = =

Britney Spears ? lead vocals

Max Martin ? production , songwriting , audio mixing , keyboards , programming , background vocals

Rami Yacoub ? production , songwriting , keyboards

Nana Hedin ? background vocals

Alexander Kronlund ? songwriting

Esbjörn Öhrwall ? guitar

Tom Coyne ? audio mastering

Source :

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =

= = Release history = =