

= Let There Be Love ( Christina Aguilera song ) =

" Let There Be Love " is a song recorded by American singer @-@ songwriter Christina Aguilera for her seventh studio album , Lotus ( 2012 ) . It was written and produced by Max Martin and Shellback , with additional writing from Bonnie McKee , Oliver Goldstein , Oscar Holter and Jakke Erixson . Having originally collaborated with other producers in her earlier works , Aguilera stated that the " full circle " her career had taken became the right time to work with Martin . The song combines dance @-@ pop , EDM and pop music genres , and is influenced by electronica and trance . Its instrumentation incorporates synths , drums and electronics .

" Let There Be Love " garnered positive reviews from music critics . Many praised Aguilera for not over singing and delivering a solid vocal performance , while others complimented the musical structure and composition . The song peaked at number 132 on the South Korea international singles chart following the release of the album , and at number one on the US Hot Dance Club Songs chart .

On August 29 , 2013 , an accompanying music video for the song was released on Aguilera 's official channel . It features cameo appearances from Nicole Richie , Christina Milian , Chris Mann , Aguilera 's son Max Bratman and her current boyfriend Matthew Rutler . The video sees everybody makes the " L " sign for the word " love " , alongside positive messages , such as " Racism sucks " , " Accept " , and " Amo a mi hijo gay " ( " I love my gay son " ) . It was described as a " soulful , and completely inexplicable , letter to her fans thanking them for their undying love " . To promote Lotus and the song , Aguilera performed " Let There Be Love " at the 40th American Music Awards and on The Voice in the United States .

= = Background and recording = =

Following the release of her sixth studio album , Bionic ( 2010 ) , Aguilera filed for divorce from her husband Jordan Bratman , starred in her first feature film , Burlesque and recorded the accompanying soundtrack . She then became a coach on NBC 's singing competition show The Voice and appeared as a featured artist on Maroon 5 's single " Moves Like Jagger " ( 2011 ) , which spent four weeks atop the US Billboard Hot 100 chart . Following these events , Aguilera announced that had plans to begin production of her seventh album , stating that she wanted high quality and " personal " songs for the record . Regarding the creative direction , she revealed that the album would be a " culmination of everything I 've experienced up until this point ... I 've been through a lot since the release of my last album , being on ( ' The Voice ' ) , having had a divorce ... This is all sort of a free rebirth for me . " She further said " I 'm embracing many different things , but it 's all feel @-@ good , super @-@ expressive [ and ] super @-@ vulnerable . " Aguilera continued to say that the album would be about " self ? expression and freedom " because of the personal struggles she had overcome during the last couple of years .

Speaking about her new material during an interview on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno in 2012 , Aguilera said that the recording process for Lotus was taking a while because " I don 't like to just get songs from producers . I like them to come from a personal place ... I 'm very excited . It 's fun , exciting , introspective , it 's going to be great " . Recorded at MXM Studios by Shellback in Stockholm , Sweden , " Let There Be Love " was written by Max Martin , Savan Kotecha , Bonnie McKee , Oliver Goldstein , Oscar Holter and Jakke Erixson . It was produced by Martin and Shellback . Aguilera 's vocals were recorded by Oscar Ramirez at The Red Lips Room in Beverly Hills in California ; the background vocals engineer was Sam Holland . Programming and keyboards were carried out by Shellback and additional keyboards were performed by Holter , Erixson and Martin .

= = Development = =

Aguilera explained how she and Max Martin had met early on in her career , but it was a creative and mutual decision not to collaborate with each other at that stage in her career as she wanted to

explore different avenues . However , she felt at this point in her career with Lotus , it was the right time to work together , stating :

I definitely don 't go the straight and narrow path , and you know , I definitely kinda like to experiment and collaborate . And so , I think it 's taken me and Max this long to work together because of that , because what he does is genius and he is a classic hitmaker . But when I was coming out it was at a time when we had the huge pop explosion , and he was all over radio and I just wanted to work with others like Linda Perry and do that route and do " Beautiful " and songs like that . We built a level of respect for each other . So at this point , coming together , especially embracing my true pop @-@ starness , at this point in my career having come full circle , I was able to really truly embrace it , and embrace him . He gave me the freedom to really sing on these songs , and have a little more creative freedom because I heard he is a stickler for melody and a melody king and I was scared , I was like ' Oh my God ! I won 't be able to collaborate here . ' But he couldn 't have been more great , and this is a really fun song , super up @-@ tempo . It 's probably the most dancey @-@ ish song on my record , but it 's called ' Let There Be Love ' but it 's free and representative of what this album is about .

= = Composition and lyrics = =

" Let There Be Love " combines a multitude of genres . It is a dance @-@ pop , electronic dance music ( EDM ) , and pop music song . It also contains electronica and trance influences . It lasts for a duration of three minutes and 22 seconds . The instrumental consists of " a propulsive beat and chewy synths " , as well as " loud drums " and " overwhelming " electronica . According to Kitty Empire for The Guardian , the song is " about as formulaic as club pop gets " but " resonates effectively . " Andrew Hampp for Billboard compared the song 's instrumental to two songs recorded by Usher , " DJ Got Us Fallin ' in Love " and " Scream " , both of which were produced by Martin . He also noted that Aguilera was probably aware that the " Let There Be Love " ' s melody bared strong resemblances to the songs , which most likely prompted her to spend " the last minute wailing all over the place . " Aguilera " roars " the lyrics " Let there be let there be love / Here in the here in the dark " over trance beats and projects a " saucy " tone as she sings " " Hit the right spot , making my eyes roll back . "

= = Critical reception = =

" Let There Be Love " garnered positive reviews from music critics . Stephen Thomas Erlewine for Allmusic complimented Aguilera 's approach to the song , writing that she sounds " comfortable " and " fresh , " while Andrew Hampp for Billboard wrote that it is a club friendly song but does not show much personality . Chris Younie for 4Music thought that it is obvious from the " initial stabs of synth " that " Let There Be Love " will resonate " Ibiza type " beats . He continued to write that Aguilera had managed to create a " dance anthem " without the assistance of Calvin Harris . The Huffington Post writer Mesfin Fekadu thought that Martin 's production of " Let There Be Love " was superior to " Your Body " , citing it as " typical " but potentially successful on radio . Jim Farber for New York Daily News praised the song , writing that it is " a prime disco diva anthem " .

MTV News writer Christina Garibaldi praised the uptempo track , writing that its " heavy beat " and " sultry lyrics " were perfect for people to dance to in nightclubs . Jenna Hally Rubenstein for MTV Buzzworthy noted that it is easy to become addicted to listening to " Let There Be Love " , and that Aguilera 's vocals " prevail above the noise . " Both Sam Lanksy and Mike Wass for Idolator reviewed " Let There Be Love " : Lanksy predicted that the song had the potential to be a " monster hit " , and complimented Aguilera for not over singing the song , which he described as " epic . " Wass shared Lanksy 's sentiments and elaborated that the production serves as the " perfect destination " for her " powerhouse pipes " . Michael Gallucci for PopCrush thought that the song was not quite as good as " Your Body " and described it as " typical pop . " However , he criticized Aguilera 's vocal performance , stating that her " big voice " should be able to be heard above the instrumental .

Slant Magazine 's Sal Cinquemani thought that " Let There Be Love " would have been a better lead single choice than " Your Body " , as she felt it would have ensured Aguilera a greater comeback . Cinquemani described the song as " a virtual hybrid of recent club bangers by Rihanna , Britney , Katy , and Ke \$ ha . " Robert Copsey for Digital Spy thought that the song 's weakness is also its strength , describing it as " a massive clubby raveathon that is ultimately throwaway , but in the best possible way . " Annie Zaleski for The A.V. Club criticized the song as " faceless Top 40 EDM . " Melissa Maerz of Entertainment Weekly found the " bouncy peace @-@ flag @-@ waver " lyrics of the song contradictory and difficult to comprehend because of " a bonus track called ' Shut Up ' that invites the haters to ' suck my [ dick ] . ' "

= = Music video = =

= = = Conception = = =

The music video for " Let There Be Love " was premiered on Aguilera 's official channel on YouTube on August 29 , 2013 . The clip was official released few hours after she posted a 2000 @-@ word thank you message to fans on her official website on August 28 , 2013 . A part of the letter reads ,

I may get quiet at times , but when I do have something to say , I mean every word . I decided to share my thoughts with you at length and tell you openly how I feel . Thank you for filling my soul with melody and song ? lyrics and love ? and giving me a safe place I feel comforted in being brave enough to always bare my soul and come from an honest and genuine place . Be fearless enough to be a conversation piece ? Speak your own truth ? As always , thank you for accepting me for who I am . Being human ? flaws and all .

The music video for " Let There Be Love " was filmed in a DIY style . In the music video , Aguilera is seen in her one @-@ piece swimsuit with the word " love " written all over it . It also featured guest appearances from Nicole Richie , Christina Milian , Chris Mann , Aguilera 's son , Max Bratman , and her current boyfriend Matthew Rutler . The video begins with Aguilera ' message , " Hey everybody Chrisitina here just thanking you guys so much for filling my life and my heart with so much love continued throughout the years ... Standing by me , I appreciate all your support , this one is just for you " . Everybody is seen joking around with another friend as they make the " L " sign for " love " with their hands , as well as holding up signs with positive messages such as " Don 't judge " , " Equality " , " Racism sucks " , " Accept " , and " Amo a mi hijo gay " ( " I love my gay son " ) , while Aguilera 's son Bratman " excitedly " " shows off his dancing chops " . At the end , Aguilera blows a kiss to the camera .

= = = Reception = = =

Upon its release , the music video for " Let There Be Love " garnered acclaim from media outlets . Lily Harrison from E ! Online labelled it " nothing short of adorable " . Similarly , John Walker for MTV Buzzworthy named it " flawless " . New York Daily News writer Rachel Maresca complimented on Aguilera 's new figure , " she looks happier and healthier than ever as she bops around smiling ear @-@ to @-@ ear in swimsuits showing off her trimmed @-@ down figure " , while Allison Takeda from US Weekly commented that Aguilera 's look in the video is " slim and gorgeous " . Writing for the Daily Mail , George Stark commented that perhaps the clip " might enjoy a new lease of life " . According to Sam Lansky for Idolator , the video 's message is a " soulful , and completely inexplicable , letter to her fans thanking them for their undying love " . Malene Arpe for the Toronto Star was positive toward the clip , calling it a " perfect antidote to a week of thinking about the Miley Cyrus / Robin Thicke porn circus " . She continued , " Aguilera 's new video is so sweet and innocent and full of goodwill towards humanity , it will make you forget all about twerking and foam fingers and the inherent greasiness of Robin Thicke " . Nina Terrero for NBC Latino compared the video for " Let There Be Love " to Aguilera 's previous video for " Beautiful " ( 2002 ) for the same

positive portrayal of the LGBT community .

= = Live performances = =

Aguilera performed " Let There Be Love " for the first time at the 40th American Music Awards on November 18 , 2012 , held at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles , California . As one of the first singers to be announced as a performer at the award ceremony on October 19 , 2012 , Aguilera sang " Let There Be Love " as part of a medley with two other tracks from Lotus : " Lotus Intro " and " Army of Me " . During an interview with MTV News , Aguilera revealed what the performance would be like and the creative direction behind it :

It 's very exciting . It 's definitely going to be a reflection of what Lotus means to me . If you take that album cover and give it a little performance twist , I 'll bring that album cover to life , so it 's going to be really fun . I can 't give too much away about the songs , but it 's definitely going to represent the album because the album is very multilayered . It doesn 't represent ' Your Body ' as a single tone . It has its ballads ; and everything comes from a very sincere , deep ? rooted place whether it 's having fun or being vulnerable .

Wearing a " fuller ? figure " " cinched in corset " designed by The Blonds , who also design outfits for Lady Gaga , Leah Simpson for the Daily Mail wrote that Aguilera put a " sexy twist on patriotism with a star ? spangled bodysuit and managed to get a few pulses racing in the over ? the ? top ensemble . " The performance featured dance routines and dancers wearing " torture bags labelled the words ' Freak ' and ' Queen ' over their heads . " Bruna Nessif for E ! Online described the performance as " interesting , " and noted that the theme " to celebrate everyone for who they are " was similar to the moral content presented on Gaga 's album Born This Way ( 2011 ) . As Aguilera finished her set , she was joined on stage by Pitbull to perform his song " Feel This Moment " , on which she is a featured artist . Aguilera also performed " Let There Be Love " with her team of aspiring singers on The Voice , a singing competition on which she is a coach .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recorded at MXM Studios , Stockholm , Sweden .

Vocals recorded at The Red Lips Room , Beverly Hills , CA .

Personnel

Songwriting ? Max Martin , Savan Kotecha , Bonnie McKee , Oliver Goldstein , Oscar Holter , Jakke Erixson

Production ? Max Martin , Shellback

Recording ? Shellback

Vocal recording ? Oscar Ramirez

Background vocals engineer ? Sam Holland

Programming and keyboards ? Shellback

Additional keyboards ? Oscar Holter , Jakke Erixson , Max Martin

Credits adapted from the liner notes of Lotus , RCA Records .

= = Chart performance = =

Upon the release of Lotus , " Let There Be Love " debuted on the South Korea Gaon Single Chart at number 132 during the week of November 11 to 17 , 2012 . In the United States , the song debuted at number 44 on the Hot Dance Club Songs chart on February 18 , 2013 . It reached number one with the issue dated June 1 , 2013 . With " Let There Be Love " attaining the number one position on the Hot Dance Club Songs chart , it upped her total tally to seven number @-@ one songs , and the second from Lotus to reach the peak , after " Your Body " in December 2012 .

= = = Year @-@ end charts = = =

