

= Ride a White Horse =

" Ride a White Horse " is a song performed by English electronic music duo Goldfrapp . The song was written by Alison Goldfrapp , Will Gregory and Nick Batt for Goldfrapp 's third album Supernature (2005) . The song was inspired by the disco era nightclub Studio 54 .

The song was released as the album 's third single in February 2006 to positive reviews from music critics . It was a commercial success , reaching the top forty on the majority of the charts it entered . The song has been remixed a number of times and was featured in the American television program The L Word .

" Ride a White Horse " was also featured in Need for Speed : Carbon and The Sims 3 .

= = Background and writing = =

" Ride a White Horse " is an electronic ? dance song that was inspired by the disco era . Alison Goldfrapp had grown up listening to T.Rex and Polish disco music , and many assumed that she based the song 's lyrics around Bianca Jagger 's infamous entrance into Studio 54 on a white horse . The song was composed as a collaborative effort between Goldfrapp and Will Gregory in late 2004 in a rented cottage in the countryside of Bath , England . The song was written and recorded while Goldfrapp and Gregory were " jamming in the recording studio , bouncing song ideas off each other " .

" Ride a White Horse " is written in the common verse @-@ chorus form and features instrumentation from synthesizers and a bass guitar . The US maxi CD single featured a cover version of " Boys Will Be Boys " as its B @-@ side . The song was originally performed by British rock group The Ordinary Boys .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " Ride a White Horse " was directed by Diane Martel and filmed in London , England in December 2005 . The video features Alison Goldfrapp , dressed in a white dress , in multiple disturbing situations . The video begins with Goldfrapp , her back to the camera , trailing toilet paper from one of her spike heels , singing into a microphone made of a cardboard roll and aluminium foil . As she sings , footage of rotting food is displayed behind her . She is then shown eating a slice of pizza covered in cigarette butts and bottlecaps . The next scenes feature Goldfrapp pulling a large plastic dog ; singing in front of a man bandaged in toilet paper eating from a garbage can ; and dancing with dirty men that came out of a trashbin dressed in their underwear . The video concludes with Goldfrapp forcing the leg of the bandaged man into a toilet .

In 2006 , the video was nominated at the Festival International des Arts du Clip in the " Off Competition " category for its audacity and off beat sense of humour . The complete version of " Ride a White Horse " featured in the music video has been released commercially through CD singles and digital downloads , and some include remixes by Serge Santiago and Ewan Pearson . An alternate music video was also filmed live at the Brixton Academy in London , England on 6 October 2005 . The video was directed by Matthew Amos and released on the song 's DVD single .

= = Critical reception = =

" Ride a White Horse " received positive reviews from music critics . MusicOMH.com 's Michael Hubbard called the song " one of the most glamorous and erotic tracks " on Supernature , and Stylus Magazine described it as " memorable " because of its " combination of a decently danceable groove and some nicely arch vocals " . In a review for PopMatters , Adrien Begrand wrote that " Ride a White Horse " was " destined for club hit status " , comparing Alison Goldfrapp 's " cold , husky croon " to Kate Bush .

= = Marketing and release = =

In March 2007 , " Ride a White Horse " was featured on an episode of the American television program The L Word . The episode titled " Literary License to Kill " featured the group performing the song at The Planet while the characters celebrated a birthday . A radio edit of the song was also featured on the program 's soundtrack released in January 2007 .

" Ride a White Horse " was released as a various formats throughout the world . While most territories received a CD single and digital download release , the single was released as a limited edition 12 @-@ inch single in February 2006 in the UK . A DVD single was also issued and included behind the scenes footage of Goldfrapp on tour and a live music video for " Ride a White Horse " .

= = Commercial performance = =

" Ride a White Horse " entered the UK Singles Chart on 25 February 2006 at number fifteen , remaining on the chart for three weeks . The song proved popular on UK radio , charting at number twenty @-@ three on the airplay chart . In Ireland , the song reached number thirty @-@ six on the singles chart before exiting the following week .

In the United States , " Ride a White Horse " was released as the album 's final single in February 2007 . The song did not perform as well as its predecessors on the Billboard Dance Chart , reaching only number twenty @-@ nine . The song , however , did peak at number three on the Hot Dance Singles Sales chart .

= = Track listings = =

= = Personnel = =

The following people contributed to Ride a White Horse :

Alison Goldfrapp - lead vocals , backing vocals , synthesizer

Nick Batt - synthesizer , programming

Will Gregory - synthesizer

Daniel Miller - synthesizer

Charlie Jones - bass

Ewan Pearson - programming

Mark " Spike " Stent - mixing

Ted Jensen - mastering

= = Charts = =