

= No Better =

" No Better " is a song by New Zealand singer Lorde , taken from the extended version of her debut studio album Pure Heroine (2013) . The track was released on 13 December 2013 by Universal Music Group as a promotional tool for the album . " No Better " is an electropop and trip hop ballad with elements of hip hop , in which Lorde discusses an infatuation . Music critics opined that the single has similar musical style to songs from Pure Heroine .

= = Background = =

" No Better " was written by Lorde (credited under her birth @-@ name Ella Yelich @-@ O 'Connor) and Joel Little . On 13 December 2013 , the track was released as a digital download single on the iTunes Store . The single was made available for free until 19 December as a part of the iTunes Store 's " 12 Days of Gifts " Christmas promotion .

= = Composition = =

" No Better " is an electropop and trip hop ballad with hip hop elements . The song has a similar sonority to that of other songs from Pure Heroine , featuring Lorde 's " feathery " vocals and minimal production . It incorporates " woozy " basslines , and " pulsing " synthesisers in its instrumentation , making the song 's melody " dreamy " , according to Whitney Phaneuf of HitFix . Lyrically , the song features Lorde " [celebrating] an infatuation that deepens as the seasons change " . At the first verse , she sings " We roll in every summer when there 's strength in our numbers / And your breath 's hot and gross but I kiss you like a lover " . During the chorus the bass beat becomes more intense as Lorde sings " Go all the way / Have your fun , have it all " .

= = Reception = =

Marc Hogan from Spin wrote that the song " flits between fairly vivid first @-@ person details " , while Whitney Phaneuf from HitFix labelled " No Better " a " sexy " track . Eric Danton of Rolling Stone opined that the lyrics of the song are " girlish and knowing " . Writing for Slate , L. V. Anderson shared that " No Better " is reminiscent of some of the best tracks on Pure Heroine , but also " lighter , simpler [...] and more confectionary than most of her debut album " , in spite of its dark theme . " No Better " entered the New Zealand Artists Singles Chart at number seven on 23 December 2013 . It dropped to number nineteen the following week , before falling out of the chart .

= = Track listing = =

Digital download

" No Better " ? 2 : 50

" Royals " (music video) ? 4 : 03

= = Release history = =