

= This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like =

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " is the debut single of American industrial singer @-@ songwriter Porcelain Black , featuring American rapper Lil Wayne . This song serves as the lead single from the singer 's debut studio album , Mannequin Factory . Produced by Moroccan @-@ Swedish producer RedOne , who had originally discovered Black , " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " is influenced by the genre of rock , lyrically stating how the listener should be proud of who they are . The song was released digitally in the United States on March 29 , 2011 , and managed to chart at number forty @-@ four on the US Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs .

A music video for " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " , shot and directed by Sanaa Hamri , was released on March 27 , 2011 . The music video pays homage to Porcelain Black 's high school experiences , where she was constantly teased by " snobby rich kids " , but never gave in to the pressure of her peers around her . The video serves as a form of revenge for Porcelain Black against high school tormentors . " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " garnered mixed reviews from critics , most of whom were shocked by Porcelain Black 's image and sounds but favored her apparent perception of herself as the " offspring " of fellow musicians Britney Spears and Marilyn Manson and their individual styles . Porcelain Black performed the song on the Late Show with David Letterman , marking her debut televised appearance .

The song was featured in an episode of Beavis and Butthead and the 2013 film , The Smurfs 2 .

= = Background and release = =

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " was written by Porcelain Black , Lil Wayne , RedOne , Bilal Hajji , with RedOne providing the song 's production . In the song 's writing credits , Porcelain Black and Lil Wayne are credited under their real names , Alaina Beaton and Dwayne Carter , Jr. respectively . After being introduced to Lil Wayne 's manager , Derrick " El " Lawrence , by producer RedOne , Porcelain Black stated that she met Lil Wayne in New York when he heard " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " , where he expressed an interest in adding his vocals to the song . The single cover for " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " was revealed on March 21 , 2011 , alongside a snippet of the song .

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " was released digitally through the United States iTunes Store on March 29 , 2011 . Following the release of Porcelain Black 's second single , " Naughty Naughty , " Dutch DJ , remixer and house music producer R3hab produced a remix of " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like , " making it available for free download through SoundCloud on January 24 , 2012 . R3hab went on to compliment Porcelain Black 's original song , stating , " The original vibe is crazy , and I am a big fan of Lil Wayne . This track makes you wanna rage like the lyrics say ! I see [the remix] as a rollercoaster ride . Breaks slow it down . Then there is a climb , and the big drop ! " Porcelain Black complimented R3hab 's remix in an interview with MTV News : " I wish [ed] his remixes were the official singles because they really pop off next level . I love all the spooky horror pop synths he throws in the mixes , and the breakdowns make me wanna throw back shots of whiskey and hair whip . If I could have sex with a song I 'd def be tappin ? dat remix ! "

= = Music and lyrics = =

Described as " in @-@ your @-@ face " , " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " is influenced by the genres of rock , dance @-@ pop , and power pop , while containing " roaring " guitars and lyrics which aim to remind listeners to be proud of who they are . Vocally , Porcelain Black sings as if straining through " a maze of razorblades , " according to Steven J. Horowitz of YRB Magazine . The RedOne @-@ produced track employs a beat that is reminiscent of his work with Lady Gaga . Porcelain Black screams in the chorus " Hey hey hey if you 're ready to rage / Raise your hands up , this what rock and roll looks like / Yeah yeah yeah , wearing leather and lace / Raise your hands up , this what rock and roll looks like . " While being interviewed by the Los Angeles Times , Porcelain Black discussed in depth about the genre mix in " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " :

Although the song 's title references the physical appearance of what rock and roll looks like , Porcelain Black revealed in an interview with AOL 's NoiceCreep that rock and roll is not dependent on the physical appearance of someone . She stated :

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical reception = = =

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " received generally mixed reviews by critics , most of whom were surprised with Porcelain Black 's outgoing persona and the pop production by RedOne . Gerrick D. Kennedy of Los Angeles Times complimented the song 's production by stating that it could have been used by Lady Gaga . Ian Drew of Us Weekly called the single " shocking " and " electric " . Allison Stewart of The Washington Post gave " This Is What Rock ? n ? Roll Looks Like ? a mixed review , describing Porcelain Black as a " girl @-@ fronted version of Mötley Crüe circa Dr. Feelgood " . Jon Wiederhorn of Inked dubbed the song " a [sic] euphoric digital feast of raspy melodic vocals , four @-@ to @-@ the @-@ floor beats , and keyboards that buzz like electric guitars . "

= = = Chart performance = = =

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " debuted on the U.S. Billboard Hot Dance Club Songs at number forty @-@ six , on the week ending July 18 , 2011 . The following week , the song went up two spots , peaking at number forty @-@ four . The following two weeks , " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " remained stationary at number forty @-@ four on the weeks ending August 1 , 2011 and August 8 , 2011 , respectively .

= = Music video = =

A music video for " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " was shot and directed by Sanaa Hamri at Citrus College in Glendora , California . Porcelain Black discussed the idea behind the music video for " This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " with AOL 's Carlos Ramirez , stating it was based on real life experiences . After Porcelain Black 's mother had re @-@ married , she was forced to move to Rochester , Michigan , which Porcelain Black described as " a really rich area " . Attending high school , Porcelain Black was surrounded by " snotty rich kids " who would tease her saying " You 're a fucking freak , what 's your problem ? " , to which Porcelain Black would reply " You 're boring and fake , get away from me . " Reviewing her past , Porcelain Black realized it would make for a good music video . A behind the scenes look at shooting the music video was released on May 12 , 2011 .

In an interview with AOL Music 's Contessa Gayles , Porcelain Black discussed the concept of the video as revenge . She stated :

It was about getting revenge . People were always hating on me , because I was different . I was like , " I 'm going to sing , I 'm going to do this , I 'm going to do that , " they were like " OK , sure you are . " And I was like " No , I 'm serious . This is what I 'm going to do . " And everybody was like , " Yeah right . " Even when I told everyone I was moving to LA to do music and had a going away party , only one person showed up , because no one believed that I was really going away . They were like , " You 'll be back . " So it was kind of just like my revenge , and just a statement , like throwing it back in their face .

The music video debuted on March 27 , 2011 . The music video begins with a young Porcelain Black being teased by a group of blonde girls , who resemble " The Plastics " in Mean Girls (2004) . As Porcelain Black is being teased , a young version of Lil Wayne comes to the defense of Porcelain Black , scaring away the group of blonde girls . The video then fast forwards nine years where Black , accompanied by her own entourage , walks past a group of snobby girls , giving them

the middle @-@ finger as she walks away leaving them in shock . As the video continues , Black gets revenge on her high school enemies by tearing up the school 's library and cafeteria . During Lil Wayne 's verse , the two are seen raging in the school 's gym . Rapper Birdman makes a cameo appearance in this scene .

= = Performances and usage in media = =

Porcelain Black performed the song as the opening act for Lil Wayne on the I Am Music II tour . Porcelain Black made her first ever television appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman on Thursday , July 21 , 2011 . Porcelain Black wore a leather , leotard @-@ like bustiere number , complete with mesh , fringe and metallic studs as she whipped her black @-@ and @-@ blonde hair around , while prancing across the stage with her gothic dancers . While making her debut televised performance , Lil Wayne did not appear alongside Porcelain Black . In an interview with AOL 's NoiseCreep , Porcelain Black described her first televised appearance as " intense , amazing , surreal " , revealing that prior to the performance she was very nervous stating " Oh my god ! I 'm about to give birth to a panic attack ! " Becky Bain of Idolator compared Black 's styling to that of Lady Gaga 's . Contessa Gayles of AOL described Porcelain Black 's choreography as " racy , " later complimenting Porcelain Black on her " two @-@ toned , Cruella De Vil @-@ inspired coiffure . " Porcelain Black walked down the runway in a camouflage corset designed by Falguni and Shane Peacock at the 2012 Spring Fashion Week , as her song played in the background . Her appearance there was used to promote the single .

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " appeared in the tenth episode of the eighth season of Beavis and Butthead . Expecting the duo to comment on the disparity between the song 's title and its genre , R.L. Shaffer of IGN noticed that no such comparison was made ; instead , the classroom setting was criticized while the presence of Lil Wayne was appreciated . The song was also used in the 2013 film , The Smurfs 2 .

= = Track listing = =

Digital release :

" This Is What Rock n ' Roll Looks Like " (featuring Lil Wayne) ? 4 : 12

= = Charts = =