

= I Thought I Lost You =

" I Thought I Lost You " is a pop song , a country song , as well as a rock song performed by both American singer @-@ songwriter and actress Miley Cyrus and actor and singer John Travolta . The song was co @-@ written by Cyrus with producer Jeffrey Steele . It was released to Radio Disney as promotion for the 2008 Disney animated film Bolt , in which Cyrus and Travolta provide the voices of Penny and Bolt . " I Thought I Lost You " was made after filmmakers requested Cyrus to write a song for the film . The song is a teen pop number whose lyrics speak of getting lost and getting found .

" I Thought I Lost You " was nominated for Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Song and Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song , but lost both to Bruce Springsteen 's " The Wrestler " from The Wrestler ( 2008 ) . The song 's accompanying music video has Cyrus and Travolta performing the song in a recording studio and features clips from Bolt . " I Thought I Lost You " was promoted by few live performances by Cyrus .

= = Background = =

Cyrus became involved with Bolt once she was cast as Penny , Bolt 's owner . Filmmakers asked Cyrus to write a song for herself and John Travolta , who stars as Bolt . She co @-@ wrote the song with the aid of Jeffrey Steele , who also produced the track , in a short period of time as they had a due date . The film 's settings vary in cities throughout the United States , which Cyrus thought she could capture in the song . " Not just make it something that sounds from Hollywood and really produced , but we could add a little country twang to it , " she said . Cyrus said the writing process was easy . Before the song 's completion , Travolta agreed to sing it , believing " Well , it will be a cute song , whatever it is . " After listening to the song , he was surprised at Cyrus ' songwriting abilities . " She 's really gifted at writing , and she really wanted to write something good for me as the character Bolt , so she went out of her way with her writing partner to come up with something good , and I really think they pulled it off " , Travolta told MTV News .

John Lasseter , executive producer of Bolt , decided to make " I Thought I Lost You " the theme for Bolt , since it lyrically summarized the film 's plot . He said , " [ The song ] so sums up the theme of this film . You know , a dog and its owner and they both were separated , but they love each other so much ? there 's such an emotional payoff when these characters get reunited , and I think that 's what this song 's about . " Lasseter thought that solely the song worked , but it worked better for the film . " I Thought I Lost You " is one of two songs on the Bolt soundtrack and was released to Radio Disney to promote Bolt and its accompanying soundtrack .

= = Composition = =

" I Thought I Lost You " is a pop song that incorporates rock elements and lasts three minutes and thirty @-@ six seconds . Its instrumentation includes electric guitar and piano . The song is set in common time at a moderate rock tempo of 103 beats per minute . The song is sung in the key of E ? major and Cyrus ' vocals span two octaves , from G3 to A ? 5 . " I Thought I Lost You " follows the chord progression of E ? ? A ? sus2 . The song 's lyrics speak of " getting lost and getting found , with an overarching theme of loyalty . "

= = Critical reception = =

The song received mixed reception from contemporary critics . William Ruhlmann of Allmusic wrote , " The album begins with a pop / rock song , ' I Thought I Lost You , ' which oddly sounds like a love duet between John Travolta , a man in his mid @-@ fifties , and the teenage TV and pop star Miley Cyrus , until it is remembered that Travolta voices the movie 's title character , a dog . " " I Thought I Lost You " was nominated for the Broadcast Film Critics Association Award for Best Song at the 14th Broadcast Film Critics Association Award , but lost to Bruce Springsteen 's " The Wrestler "

from The Wrestler ( 2008 ) . The song was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song at the 66th Golden Globe Awards , but also lost to " The Wrestler " . An uncredited reviewer from The Los Angeles Times thought the song could have been nominated for and won the Academy Award for Best Original Song at 81st Academy Awards . However , the reviewer stated that the probability of the event was shattered by " a serious obstacle [ solely being used in Bolt 's ending credits ] and lots of Disney competition . "

= = Music video and live performances = =

The music video for " I Thought I Lost You " premiered on November 3 , 2008 on Disney Channel . The video commences with a clip from Bolt in which one of the film 's characters , Rhino , shouts " Let it begin ! " Then several clips from the film play rapidly until Cyrus and Travolta are shown performing in a recording studio . Throughout the rest of the video , scenes alternate between Cyrus and Travolta performing to clips from Bolt . It ends with Rhino performing a brief dance move .

Cyrus first performed " I Thought I Lost You " live on November 12 , 2008 at an outdoor concert televised by Good Morning America . She also performed the track at the 2008 Macy 's Thanksgiving Day Parade .