

= The Way You Make Me Feel =

" The Way You Make Me Feel " is a song by American recording artist Michael Jackson . Released by Epic Records in November 1987 , it was the third single from Jackson 's seventh studio album Bad . Written and composed by Jackson , and produced by Quincy Jones ( and co @-@ produced by Jackson ) , the song is credited as being a pop and rhythm and blues song .

Aside from appearing on Jackson 's Bad album , the song has also been featured on the first disc of Jackson 's compilation album HIStory : Past , Present and Future , Book I in 1995 , Number Ones in 2003 , The Ultimate Collection in 2004 , The Essential Michael Jackson in 2005 , Visionary : The Video Singles in 2006 and This Is It in 2009 . " The Way You Make Me Feel " has been covered by multiple recording artists since its release .

The song received positive reviews from contemporary critics . " The Way You Make Me Feel " became Bad 's third consecutive single to peak at number one on the Billboard Hot 100 , and charted mainly within the top ten and twenty internationally . A music video for " The Way You Make Me Feel " was released at the time showing Jackson pursuing and dancing with a woman . Since the music video 's release , it has become influential on other artists ' material . The song has been performed on all of Jackson 's world concert tours as a solo artist , and was planned to have been performed during the This Is It concerts from 2009 to 2010 . Notable live performances of the song by Jackson include a performance at the 1988 Grammy Awards ceremony .

= = Background and composition = =

" The Way You Make Me Feel " was recorded by Michael Jackson in 1987 for his seventh studio album Bad , which was released the same year it was recorded . Epic Records released the song as the third single from the album in November that year . " The Way You Make Me Feel " was written and co @-@ produced by Jackson , and produced by Quincy Jones . Before the recording of Bad , Jackson had written over sixty songs for the album , with plans of releasing a three disc album , but after Jones convinced Jackson to make Bad a one disc LP , " The Way You Make Me Feel " , as well as ten other songs were selected for the album . According to Bad 25 , a documentary about the 25th anniversary of Bad 's release , the song and subsequent video was intended to show another aspect to public 's perception of Michael Jackson in addition to his reputation as a lover ( I Just Can 't Stop Loving You ) and being streetwise ( Bad ) they wanted to show him as a flirt or able to pick up girls .

" The Way You Make Me Feel " has been featured on multiple greatest hits and compilation albums by Jackson since the song 's release , including the first disc of Jackson 's two disc compilation album HIStory : Past , Present and Future , Book I in 1995 , Jackson 's greatest hits album , Number Ones in 2003 and the This Is It compilation album in 2009 .

Musically , " The Way You Make Me Feel " is a pop and rhythm and blues song composed of blues harmonies . The song 's opening lyrics are " Hey , pretty baby with the high heels on " . " The Way You Make Me Feel " ' s lyrics pertain to being in love , as well as the feeling of loving someone . Throughout the song Jackson 's vocal range spans from B3 to A5 . The song is played in the key of E major . " The Way You Make Me Feel " has a mid @-@ tempo of medium rock and has a metronome of 120 beats per minute . The song follows in the chord progression of C ? E ? / C ? C ? C / E ? in the first line , when Jackson sings " Hee @-@ hee ! Ooh Go on ! " and continues on the same progression in the second line , when Jackson sings " Girl ! Aaow ! " .

= = Critical reception = =

" The Way You Make Me Feel " generally received positive reviews from contemporary music critics . AllMusic reviewer Stephen Thomas Erlewine listed " The Way You May Me Feel " as well as the album 's title track , " I Just Can 't Stop Loving You " and " Man In The Mirror " as being a ' track picks ' from Bad . Erlewine commented that out of all of Bad 's songs , " only three can stand alongside album tracks from its predecessor " which were " Bad " , " The Way You Make Me Feel " ,

and " I Just Can 't Stop Loving You " . Jon Pareles , a writer for The New York Times , commented that Jackson 's songs , " The Way You Make Me Feel " and " I Just Can 't Stop Loving You " , " say nothing more personalized than their titles " .

Richard Cromelin , from the Los Angeles Times , described " The Way You Make Me Feel " as being a " loping shuffle " . Rolling Stone ' David Sigerson commented that " The Way You Make Me Feel " was " nearly as good " as being the third best song on Bad . Greg Quill , who writes for the Toronto Star , commented that " The Way You Make Me Feel " was to a " lesser extent in the love songs " because the song dealt " more with surrender than conquest or self @-@ gratification . " The Washington Post ' Rickard Harrington commented that on songs like " The Way You Make Me Feel , " Jackson " sings the way he dances " . " The Way You Make Me Feel " tied at number 22 on The Village Voice 's Pazz & Jop critics ' poll of 1987 .

= = Chart performance = =

" The Way You Make Me Feel " generally charted within the top ten and top twenty positions on music charts worldwide . The song climbed to number seven on the Billboard Hot 100 on the chart 's issue date of December 26 , 1987 . After charting within the top ten for five weeks , the song peaked at number one on the Hot 100 on January 23 , 1988 . " The Way You Make Me Feel " became the album 's third consecutive single to reach number one on the Hot 100 . " The Way You Make Me Feel " also charted on Billboard 's Adult Contemporary chart , peaking at number nine , and on the Hot Dance Music / Maxi Single Sales chart at the peak of number three . The song also charted at number one on the Billboard Hot Black Singles chart and Dance Club Play Singles chart .

The song entered the United Kingdom singles charts at number sixteen on December 5 , 1987 . The following week the song moved up thirteen spaces to number three , which was the song 's peak position . The song stayed at its peak position for two consecutive weeks , and remained on the country 's chart for ten weeks , before falling out of the top 100 positions , only to re @-@ enter the charts two weeks later .

The song peaked at number two on New Zealand music charts on January 17 , 1988 , and remained on the chart for a total of eleven weeks in 1987 and 1988 . In the Netherlands , the song debuted on the chart at number twenty on November 28 , 1987 . Two weeks later the song charted at its peak position , at number six . " The Way You Make Me Feel " debuted at number fourteen on Switzerland charts on December 13 , 1987 ; the following week , the song charted at its peak position at number eight . The song charted within the top thirty positions for ten consecutive weeks from 1987 to 1988 . The song debuted on French music charts on December 26 , 1987 at number 47 , and eventually peaked within the top thirty positions at number 29 . The song charted within the top 50 positions for ten consecutive weeks on the country 's chart . The song has sold over 1 @.@ 1 million digital copies .

" The Way You Make Me Feel " re @-@ entered music charts worldwide after Jackson 's music was re @-@ issued for the Visionary album . The song debuted on the Spanish Singles Chart at number one on April 9 , 2006 . The song remained on the country 's chart for ten weeks . In Italy , the song debuted within the top ten , peaking at number seven , on April 6 , 2006 ; after two weeks , the song charted out of the top 100 positions . " The Way You Make Me Feel " re @-@ entered Dutch charts on April 1 , 2006 at number 24 . The song re @-@ entered French music charts on April 1 , 2006 at number 59 ; the song remained within the top 100 positions for two consecutive weeks .

Following Jackson 's death , his music experienced a surge in popularity . The song re @-@ entered Dutch charts for the third time on July 4 , 2009 , at its peak position at number 40 ; the song remained on the chart for four consecutive weeks in 2009 . The song charted within the top ten , peaking at number six , on the Billboard Hot Digital Songs on July 11 , due to digital download sales . The song debuted on Swedish charts at number 30 on July 3 , and peaked at number 24 the following week . On July 4 , the song re @-@ entered the United Kingdom charts at number 47 , and peaked at number 34 the following week .

= = Music video = =

The music video for " The Way You Make Me Feel " was directed by Joe Pytko and produced by Michael Nesmith . It was choreographed by Vincent Paterson . The short version of the video is seven minutes and fifty @-@ four seconds long and the full version is nine minutes and thirty @-@ three seconds long . The video begins with a group of males trying to pick up women , but they don 't get any luck . One of the males ( Michael Jackson ) is told to go home and not to hang around with the other guys anymore . When the male walks home , an elderly man ( played by Joe Seneca ) , who is sitting on the steps of his house , tells him to just be himself . The male notices a female , played by model / dancer Tatiana Thumbtzen , walking down the streets alone .

Shortly after the male walks out of an alley and stands in front of the female while she 's walking down the street , although she ignores him and keeps walking . He gets her attention by shouting , and then begins singing " The Way You Make Me Feel " to her while also dancing . Uninterested , she walks away . He follows her , having been cheered on by his friends to pursue her . Another dance routine begins , involving the males friends , which leads to the male pursuing the female throughout the neighborhood . The video ends with the male eventually winning the female over , and embraces her , while a fire hydrant is spraying out water . The videoclip also features an appearance by his sister La Toya as one of Thumbtzen 's friends .

The music video was released on October 31 , 1987 , and received one nomination at the 1988 MTV Video Music Awards Ceremony . The video , alongside Jackson 's " Bad " video , was nominated for Best Choreography , but lost to Jackson 's younger sister Janet 's video " The Pleasure Principle " .

The music video was included on the video albums : Video Greatest Hits ? HIStory ( long version on DVD and short version on VHS ) , Number Ones ( short version ) , Michael Jackson 's Vision ( long version ) and the Target version DVD of Bad 25 ( long version ) .

The introduction of the full version of the video also samples the Roy Ayers 1985 song " Hot " from his You Might Be Surprised album .

= = Live performances = =

" The Way You Make Me Feel " was performed by Jackson on all three of his world concert series tours as a solo artist as well as during award shows . For a majority of the songs performances , Jackson would wear a blue dress shirt with a white t @-@ shirt and black pants with a white belt . The song was first performed in concert by Jackson during the encore of the second leg of his Bad World Tour from 1987 to 1989 . A live version of the song is available on the DVD Live at Wembley July 16 , 1988 .

He performed " The Way You Make Me Feel " at the 1988 Grammy Awards Ceremony , during which Jackson wore his signature outfit and his signature black fedora , while doing a dance routine with four other dancers , and performed the song along with another one of his songs , " Man in the Mirror " . This performance was staged and choreographed by Vincent Paterson .

Tatiana Thumbtzen , who appeared in the short film for The Way You Make Me Feel , joined Jackson in some concerts of his Bad World Tour , and performed the song with him , strutting across the stage whilst he pursued her . However , she was fired from the tour by Jackson 's manager after an incident during one of the performances in which she approached Jackson and kissed him onstage .

" The Way You Make Me Feel " was also performed during the first leg of Jackson 's Dangerous World Tour from June 1992 to November 1993 . The tour was supposed to be longer , but was canceled due to Jackson 's health concerns and stress from the child sexual abuse accusations made against him . The next performance of the song was during select dates of Jackson 's world concert series tour , HIStory . The song was performed during selected concerts from September 1996 to June 1997 . The last performance of the song was at the Michael Jackson : 30th Anniversary Special in 2001 at Madison Square Garden on September 7 and September 10 , 2001 . The video footage from the performance ( which included Britney Spears ) was featured on CBS in

November 2001 , as a two @-@ hour television special .

Since March 2009 , Jackson was preparing to perform " The Way You Make Me Feel " during his This Is It concert series from 2009 to 2010 . Following Jackson 's death in June of the same year , video footage of Jackson rehearsing the song was featured in the 2009 concert documentary film , Michael Jackson 's This Is It . The video rehearsal footage was also featured on the films DVD in January 2010 .

= = Cover versions and influences = =

" The Way You Make Me Feel " has been covered by multiple artists since its release , and the song 's music video has been influential on other artists ' material as well .

In 1989 , German comedian Otto Waalkes parodies the music video in his film Otto ? Der Außerfriesische .

In 2003 , the music group Shakaya covered " The Way You Make Me Feel " and released their version as a non @-@ album single . The song only charted on Australian charts , peaking at number 21 on the country 's music charts .

In December 2009 , Stacey Solomon , a contestant on the X Factor in the United Kingdom , performed a cover of the song during the show 's semi @-@ finals , which received mixed opinions from the show 's judges .

In January 2010 , Jonas Brothers band member Nick Jonas performed the song during a concert at the Warner Theatre in promotion for his Nick Jonas & the Administration album . Dave McKenna , a writer for The Washington Post , commented on Jonas ' performance of the song that " whatever spots of trouble his ambition got him into " citing Jonas ' " falsetto faltered " cover of " The Way You Make Me Feel " , as well as another song , were able to be " carried through " by Jonas ' band members .

In February 2010 , Whitney Houston performed " The Way You Make Me Feel " , along with Jackson 's " Wanna Be Startin ' Somethin ' " , during her I Look to You Tour .

= = Track listings and formats = =

= = Official versions = =

Album Version ? 4 : 59

Album Version # 2 ? 4 : 58 ? Full @-@ length version of the single remix sans the finger snap after the second verse .

7 " Re @-@ Mix ? 4 : 25

Album Version # 2 ( Edit ) ? 4 : 26 ? Attempt at re @-@ creating the original 7 " version .

Instrumental ? 4 : 25

Dance Extended Mix ? 7 : 52

Dance Remix Radio Edit ? 5 : 22

Dub Version ? 5 : 02

A Cappella ? 4 : 29

= = Personnel = =

= = Charts = =

= = Weekly charts = =

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