

= Edge of the Ocean =

" Edge of the Ocean " is a song recorded by American indie rock band Ivy . It was released as the third single from their third studio album , Long Distance (2000) . The single was made available as a CD single , 10 " , and 12 " single in the United States on July 10 , 2001 , before being reissued internationally on May 27 , 2002 . " Edge of the Ocean " was released alongside Ivy 's other single , " Disappointed " , on the same day . The track was written by Dominique Durand , Adam Schlesinger and Andy Chase , while production was handled by the latter two .

The track received general acclaim from music critics who highlighted it as a " standout " track . Stylistically different from Ivy 's previous material , " Edge of the Ocean " is an indie pop and trip hop song with " romantic " lyrics . The song was featured on the soundtracks for several films , including Angel Eyes and Shallow Hal . The single was subsequently considered their signature song , including by Ivy themselves . A music video was filmed for " Edge of the Ocean " in 2001 , featuring lead singer Durand walking around the beach with her bandmates .

= = Background = =

" Edge of the Ocean " was written by Ivy band members Dominique Durand , Adam Schlesinger and Andy Chase . Production of the track was handled by Schlesinger and Chase . In a 2011 interview with Magnet , Chase stated that while writing " Edge of the Ocean " , they tried " to go 100 percent " with creating a lyrical balance that " [came] from a specific place and yet remain [ed] general , even vague , enough that they can apply to anyone " . In a previous interview with Spinzone , Chase and Durand said that they hoped that " Edge of the Ocean " would prove commercial enough to " mean the difference between making our next album or not " .

During recording sessions for Long Distance , Schlesinger and Chase played around with the idea of incorporating new genres into their music . In an interview with Billboard , Ivy stated " the first songs [we] recorded were jangly and simple and straight @-@ ahead " . They eventually began work on " the groovier , slightly more melancholy stuff " that " works well with Dominique 's voice " . Ivy agreed that along with the exploration came " more preferable " songs that were " less atmospheric " than those on their previous studio album , Apartment Life (1997) , but contained more " infectious melodies " . In Ivy 's extended biography on their official website , they called the single " one of [their] signature songs " .

= = Composition and release = =

Musically , " Edge of the Ocean " is an indie pop and trip hop song . Tom Topkoff , writing for Hybrid , called it a " captivating and escapist tune " . A reviewer from Crashdown described the single as " romantic " . Chuck Campbell of The Daily News stated that " Durand 's childlike vocals are as inviting as the waves of an incoming tide " . " Edge of the Ocean " was released as Long Distance 's third single on July 10 , 2001 , and was serviced to adult alternative radio on the same day ; a CD sampler featuring the track and several other songs on Nettwerk was handed out during Coldplay 's world concert series , Parachutes Tour (2000 ? 01) . The US release included two previously unissued tracks , " Hideaway " and " Only a Fool Would Say That " . The single was not released elsewhere until 2002 , when it was released as a CD single in the United Kingdom .

= = Critical reception = =

After its release , " Edge of the Ocean " received general acclaim from contemporary music critics . Jonathan Cohen from Billboard praised the track and commented that " Durand 's sensual vocals are beguiling as ever " . A reviewer from Resonance magazine also praised the track , calling the single " a cool summer song " . Noel Dix of Exclaim ! applauded it , thanking the band for " mak [ing] use of some exceptional loops that come across as genuine rather than a pop band trying to cross over to the electric scene " . In another positive review , a critic from Star @-@ News called the

composition " haunting " .

== Music video and promotion ==

The official music video for " Edge of the Ocean " was filmed in 2001 ; however , the clip played during the video is considerably shorter than the album version . The video begins with Durand casually walking around near the ocean ; several shots of nearby boats , cliffs and landscape are interwoven as Durand mouths the song 's lyrics . Chase and Schlesinger also appear in the video .

The single was featured in several films and television series after its initial release . It was featured in the movies Angel Eyes , Music and Lyrics and Shallow Hal , as well as in the television series Grey 's Anatomy and Veronica Mars . The track was also remixed for the soundtrack album of Roswell . In addition , the single was featured in a television commercial for Holland America . The track was later joked about , with a reviewer noting that " chances are you 've heard it and didn 't even know it " .

== Track listings and formats ==

== Credits and personnel ==

Credits and personnel adapted from Long Distance liner notes and Andy Chase 's discography .

Recording

Recorded at Stratosphere Sound , New York City and Sony Music Studios , New York City

Personnel

== Charts ==

== Release ==

=== Process ===

" Edge of the Ocean " was released on July 10 , 2001 in the United States as a 10 " single , an EP , and added to Adult alternative radio , while in the United Kingdom a 12 " promo single was liberated . On May 27 , 2002 a 12 " single , 12 " promo single with a mix made by Filterheadz Mix and a CD single were issued through Nettwerk Music Group .

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