

= Hanging by a Moment =

" Hanging by a Moment " is a song by American alternative band Lifehouse . It was the first single released from their debut studio album , No Name Face (2000) . The track was written by lead singer Jason Wade , who said that he wrote the song in about five minutes without thinking about what would happen to it . It was produced by American record producer Ron Aniello and was mixed by Brendan O'Brien . Musically , " Hanging by a Moment " is a post @-@ grunge song that contains influences of alternative rock . The song was first released in the United States on April 24 , 2001 by DreamWorks Records .

The song received positive reviews from critics , who applauded its instrumentation . It became a commercial success , charting in the top ten in the United States and Australia , and also charting in the Netherlands , United Kingdom , and New Zealand . In 2001 , the song was certified 2x Platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) and also became the most played radio track of that year in the United States . The official music video for the song premiered on Vh1.com on December 7 , 2000 . In the video , Wade is seen singing the lyrics of the song in many locations around a town . The band went on tours with Matchbox Twenty and 3 Doors Down as an opening act before going on their first headline tour that featured American rock band The Calling and American singer Michelle Branch .

= = Background and composition = =

The song was written by Lifehouse lead singer Jason Wade . It was produced by American record producer Ron Aniello and was mixed by Brendan O'Brien . When asked about the song in an interview with Billboard , Wade said , " It was the most uptempo , radio @-@ friendly song . We all decided it was the right choice to release it as the first single . " He went on to describe his expectations when writing songs , saying , " My ultimate goal in writing songs is to connect with people . In the lyrics , you don 't tell the whole picture : You give a road to start on that people can relate to . We're honest , nice guys and I hope that comes across in everything we do . " After being asked how he wrote the song in an interview with Launch , Wade explained , " I wrote that song without thinking about what was gonna happen to it and then it just kinda took over from there . " He also said in the interview that he wrote " Hanging by a Moment " in about five minutes .

" Hanging by a Moment " was described as a post @-@ grunge and alternative rock song that contains a strong melody . According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Sony / ATV Music Publishing , the song is set in common time with a " moderate rock " tempo of 124 beats per minute . It is composed in the key of D @-@ flat major . In an interview with Billboard , lead singer and guitarist of Lifehouse , Jason Wade , described the song as an " uptempo , radio @-@ friendly song " . Bill Lamb of About.com called the song " one of the biggest rock hits ever by a Contemporary Christian band crossing over into the mainstream . The song was the biggest hit of summer 2001 and was eventually named the most played song of the year on the radio . " The song was described by John DiBiase of Jesus Freak Hideout as " a song [that is] clearly a cry out to God " . Sean Rizzo of Sputnikmusic says that the song " presents one of the best with the guitar ? s plucking during the verses and a chorus infectious enough to infiltrate your brain for a few days . "

= = Chart performance = =

" Hanging by a Moment " debuted at number 76 on the Billboard Hot 100 for the week of February 10 , 2001 . It gradually ascended on the chart and eventually peaked at number two on June 16 , 2001 , just behind the 2001 cover version of " Lady Marmalade " by Christina Aguilera , Pink , Lil ' Kim , and Mýa . After its peak , it gradually descended and left the chart after 54 consecutive weeks . The song was also a huge hit on rock radio holding number one for three weeks beginning on January 27 , 2001 . On the Billboard Alternative Songs chart , the song debuted at number 36 for the week of October 28 , 2000 and eventually peaked at number one after it stayed on the chart for 36 non @-@ consecutive weeks . The song debuted at number 32 on the Billboard Pop Songs chart

during the week of March 3 , 2001 . After moving around the chart for 37 consecutive weeks , the song managed to peak at number two on May 19 , 2001 . On the Billboard Radio Songs chart , " Hanging by a Moment " debuted at number 70 for the week of February 10 , 2001 . After moving around the chart for 55 consecutive weeks , the song eventually peaked at number one on July 14 , 2001 . The song debuted at number 37 on the Billboard Adult Pop Songs chart for the week of February 24 , 2001 . It eventually peaked at number one on June 23 , 2001 after it spent 74 consecutive weeks on the chart . " Hanging by a Moment " became the most played song of 2001 and made Lifehouse the first male rock group to make the annual recap since Chicago did in 1989 with " Look Away . "

The song also achieved international success . In Australia , the song debuted at number 36 on the ARIA Charts during the week of June 17 , 2001 . It has since peaked at number one , after being on the chart for 24 consecutive weeks . Because of its success in Australia , " Hanging by a Moment " was certified 2x Platinum by the ARIA in 2001 . It debuted on The Netherlands ' Mega Single Top 100 chart at number 95 for the week of June 9 , 2001 . The song has since peaked at number 31 . On the New Zealand Singles Chart , " Hanging by a Moment " debuted at number 48 for the week of March 11 , 2001 . After being on the chart for 31 consecutive weeks , it eventually peaked at number six . The song debuted at number 25 on the UK Singles Chart for the week of September 8 , 2001 , which became its peak position after it spent one week on the chart .

= = Music video = =

The music video , directed by Gavin Bowden , was first released December 7 , 2000 on Vh1.com. It served as an official video for the song , after an unofficial version was released by DreamWorks as a " temporary video " that was played on MTV2 . In an interview with MTV Radio , Wade explained the process of making the music video , and said , " We shot the video at this really cool place in Crenshaw , in L.A. , that was a bowling alley upstairs and a roller rink downstairs . It had this really weird , retro vibe to it . When they were setting up the different sets , we 'd have to stop every 10 seconds because a bowling league would walk in . It was the coolest thing . At night , we got all of our friends to come down . "

The video begins with Wade singing and playing his guitar in a hotel room . While singing , Wade is seen packing his clothes into a suit case in separate camera shots . He then leaves the hotel room and it shows a time @-@ lapse scene of a car going down a highway . Then , the video cuts to a restaurant , where Wade is seen lying on a restaurant booth and singing the lyrics of the song . After this , Wade is seen with the rest of Lifehouse in a concert setting in a restaurant . It then splits to shots of Wade singing the lyrics of the song to the camera . Toward the end of the video , it switches to Lifehouse playing the song in front of a crowd while showing shots of Wade in a car going down a highway . It ends with the scene of Lifehouse in a restaurant and then switches to a camera shot of all of the band members with the video fading out on Wade .

= = Promotion = =

On January 10 , 2001 , MTV confirmed that Lifehouse would serve as an opening act on a fourteen @-@ day tour for Matchbox Twenty , who were promoting their album Mad Season (2000) . The tour started February 27 , 2001 in Minneapolis and ended on March 29 , 2001 in Universal City . While on tour with Matchbox Twenty , Lifehouse went on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno for the first time and performed " Hanging by a Moment " on March 28 , 2001 . Several months later , the band performed the song at the River Rave Festival in Foxboro Stadium on May 26 , 2001 . In July 2001 , Lifehouse went on tour with 3 Doors Down as an opening act on twelve select dates , and performed songs from No Name Face , including " Hanging by a Moment " .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting ? Jason Wade

Production ? Ron Aniello
Mixing ? Brendan O'Brien
Engineering ? Bob Kearny , Marc Green , Paul Hayden
Credits and personnel adapted from Allmusic .

= = Track listing = =

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =