

= Hey You ! =

" Hey You ! " is a song recorded by American rock band No Doubt . It was released as the seventh and final single from their third studio album Tragic Kingdom (1995) . The single was released as a CD single in the Netherlands on February 23 , 1998 . It is the final single to feature content from original keyboardist Eric Stefani , who left the group in 1995 due to creative issues .

Musically , it incorporates several genres , including ska punk and psychedelic rock , with its lyrics portraying " a cynical view of marriage " . The track received mixed to positive reviews from music critics , with one calling it a " filler " and others naming it a " standout track " . Since the song was only released in the Netherlands , it only charted there , peaking at number fifty @-@ one on the Single Top 100 . A music video using footage from a live performance was directed by Sophie Muller and released alongside the CD single .

= = Background and release = =

Studio sessions for " Hey You ! " took place during the production process of its parent album , Tragic Kingdom (1995) . Unlike their previous two studio albums , Tragic Kingdom 's production was handled by outsider Matthew Wilder , to which member Eric Stefani disliked . Although seven of the album 's fourteen tracks were written by Eric , he left the band shortly before its release , leaving the rest of the band to finish the songs .

The CD single was released exclusively in the Netherlands and included two tracks : the album version of " Hey You ! " , plus a live version that was recorded on June 1 , 1997 , at The Pond in Anaheim , California . The artwork of the release is the same used for the fifth single from Tragic Kingdom , " Happy Now ? " .

= = Composition and promotion = =

" Hey You ! " was written by Gwen Stefani and Kanal , with its production being handled by Matthew Wilder . The single is produced in D major , with Stefani 's vocals ranging from A3 ? C5 , layered with the use of a piano and guitars . It is a psychedelic rock and alternative rock track , with a genre similar to No Doubt 's signature ska punk style . Its lyrics detail a " cynical " female protagonist hoping to get married . Kenneth Partridge , who wrote for both Billboard and The A.V. Club , stated that it has " a neo @-@ psychedelic ' 60s vibe that wouldn 't have sounded out of place on a Bangles record " . He went on to discuss the lyrics as " a jaded Gwen gives some tough love to a girl dreaming of a white wedding " in the lines " You 're just like my Ken and Barbie doll / Your name will never change " . Mike Boehm , writing for the Los Angeles Times , stated that the " canny arrangement of Stefani 's multitracked voice provide a poppy lift " while Dumont , Kanal , and Young " keep slickness at bay " .

An accompanying music video for " Hey You ! " was never created , but a video using footage from Live in the Tragic Kingdom (1997) was released alongside the CD single . In the entirety of the video and performance , Stefani " dances and bounces and sings " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

" Hey You ! " received mixed to positive reviews upon its release . A critic from The Diamondback enjoyed the single , calling it " dreamy " , stating that " songs such as these showcase the band 's versatility and Stefani 's sensuality as a performer " . Mike Boehm of the Los Angeles Times cited the song as an " example of the band 's improved craft " and claimed that it " help [s] carry the album 's thematic current " of " enthusiastic music " . Kenneth Partridge of Billboard panned the track , calling it " a candidate for most skippable " on the album .

== Commercial performance ==

Since " Hey You ! " was only released in the Netherlands , it was only eligible to chart there . On March 21 , 1998 , the single debuted at number eighty on the Single Top 100 chart , before peaking at number fifty @-@ one . For the week ending May 2 , 1998 , the song dropped off from its previous position of sixty @-@ five , lasting a total of six weeks on the chart .

== Track listing ==

== Credits and personnel ==

Credits and personnel adapted from the Tragic Kingdom liner notes .
Personnel

== Charts ==

== Release history ==