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In my book, Your Song is the granddaddy of them all - the song that launched the Elton John phenomena. A major hit, yes. It is and will forever be one of Elton's signature songs. Your Song firmly established several trademarks of the Elton style, trademarks that continue to this day. To understand them, is to gain insight. In this lengthy analysis, I'll share what I've learned. Over the years, Elton tinkers with and modifies how he plays his songs. And thus, over the course of his career, you will find many different arrangements of Your Song. I've chosen this particular version from the Here and There album as the most representative of how most people think of it. But perhaps someday I'll put together some of his other arrangements for the sake of comparison. Because of its length, you can jump ahead to the following sections: Basic Elements of Elton's Style The Key of Eb The Intro The Verse The Lyrics The Chorus Performance Tips BASIC ELEMENTS OF ELTON'S STYLE There are several important keys to understanding Your Song and most of Elton's other important works. They are o Harmonic lines, o Great Riffs or Hooks o Melody and o Rhythm The harmonic lines in Elton's songs, that is the pattern of shifting chords, generally have a good amount of movement and can be complex by pop and rock standards. We're not comparing Elton's harmonies to those found in jazz, contemporary classical, or abstract idioms, but to pop. As a pianist, a lot of times I find his harmonies to be naturally idiosyncratic to the piano. By its very architecture (the pattern of black notes and white notes), the piano has a natural harmonic palette that is different than, for instance, guitar-oriented music. Riffs and hooks are crucial to the pop and rock idiom. They are the defining flourish of a song. A mediocre hook can diminish a great song. A great hook can elevate a mediocre song. There maybe no other 20th century songwriter who has created as many great opening riffs as Elton John has. But besides these great intros, Elton's playing style is dominated by lots of little riffs. These little riffs incorporate passing tones and suspensions, creating harmonic interest. I by no means have a good understanding of what goes into great melodies, but I do know that Elton John creates great melodies. He is able to craft melodies with all types of lyrics that range from dense to ever so brief. He's not beholden to a 4 or 8-bar structure. He is only monotone when it's by design. His songs build to melodic climaxes. He is capable of evoking all different sorts of emotions. His songs are memorable, distinctive and singable. And finally there is the rhythmic element. Elton's trademark playing style centers on 4 or 5 standard rhythmic patterns that he employs in his playing. Your Song introduced what I tend to call the "default" Elton John style. Figure 1 illustrates this pattern which involves the extensive use of rhythmic anticipation, i.e. hitting the chord on the upbeat before the downbeat and then holding it through the downbeat. You will find it in many dozens of his songs. Other artists, Billy Joel for instance, work hard at not locking into a set approach to their piano accompaniment. But for Elton, he has consciously chosen to define himself and his music by repeating this stylistic approach. Mind you, he didn't invent this style, he just made it his signature style. THE KEY OF Eb By putting the song in the key of Eb, Your Song stood out from much of what was heard on the radio in 1970. Remember, this was the era of the sensitive guitarist / songwriter (James Taylor, Cat Stevens, etc.). There are no guitar songs in Eb. The key of Eb belongs to Elton. But there is another reason for Eb. It's also a very comfortable key for a pianist. Any key that includes 2 or 3 black notes matches up very well anatomically with the human hand. The pianist can keep their littlest digits, the thumb and 5th finger, on white keys and keep their longer fingers on black keys. It's a much more natural feeling than the key of C, which uses all white notes, and which forces you to contort the hand a little more. This approach to hand placement also governs the chord inversions that Elton uses. He almost invariably grabs the chord inversion that places his 5th finger or his thumb on a white key. This serves as an anchor while the other fingers arpeggiate notes from the chord. This creates that characteristic sound. The time signature of the song can be a little confusing to figure out. The song definitely has an 8th note pulse to it, which leads one to believe that a 4/8 or 8/8 time signature is called for. That really doesn't work though with the relaxed ballad feel of the song, so you end up going back to the standard 4/4 timing. THE INTRODUCTION O.K. let's start with the intro. Elton's hit songs generally start with a RIFF FROM GOD. I am not a religious person mind you, but Elton is tapped into a higher power. No one and I mean no one has written so many instantly memorable opening lines. You can tell you're listening to an Elton song within a bar, I mean within about 2 seconds. It's uncanny. Here's the classic intro to Your Song as performed on the 1976 album Here and There and in particular, the Riff from God. The harmony of the intro relies on the use of what's called a pedal point. The Eb is held in the bass while the chords shift from I to IV to V to IV. This establishes harmonic motion while still keeping the listener locked into the tonic. The Bb / Eb chord (called a slash chord) in particular resonates somewhat like an EbM9, but the motion of the chords says that it's not, it's a Bb. An interesting aspect of this intro: You can play almost any notes from the chord and it still sounds like Your Song. It's the rhythm, that Elton John default rhythm style, and that pedal point harmony. They completely define the intro. Go ahead try it! THE VERSE The verse begins with a restatement of the intro, but this time without the pedal point. Elton moves through Eb, then Ab (with the added major 7th) and then Bb, just as he does in the intro. But the Bb chord has a D-bass, signaling that he intends to diverge from the intro at this point. D is the dominant of G, and he uses that to take us to the Gm7 chord, the relative minor of Bb. Of course the three upper notes of the Gm7 chord are the Bb major chord. This sets us up for a long diatonic linear progression starting from Cm. Elton holds the Cm chord while the bass descends through Bb and A. This is a well-known tension building progression that resolves nicely into AbM7. The top three notes of the AbM7 are the Cm chord. He continues with scale tone movement in the bass, letting the chord harmony follow the bass. The most notable chord in this series is the G7/B, which is a chromatic step up from Bb. G7 is the natural dominant chord for Cm, the relative minor of Eb. From this point, Elton jumps right back into Eb, where he walks up to the suspended Bb turnaround riff that takes us to another verse. The structure of the verse (based on 4/4 time) is 8 bars with a 2-beat added tag. I was not certain where to place those two extra beats, they flow so seamlessly. I finally decided to put them in the 7th bar of the verse, isolating the 8th bar since it operates as a turnaround. Elton's playing has always fascinated me. Part of it has to do with how rich his sound is. The piano players from the 50s (Jerry Lee, Fats Domino, Little Richard) and the 60s (Brian Wilson, Paul Revere) pretty much just played their chords straight. If the song called for a C chord, they played a C chord - period. By contrast, Elton incorporates passing tones and suspensions into little riffs, continuously adding color and harmonic interest. Mostly he uses the added 9th (or 2nd if you prefer) or the 4th of the chord, resolving them most of the time to the 3rd. These are called respectively a 9-to-3 or 4-to-3 resolution riff. He'll place them on an accented beat to highlight them before resolving. Elton's got a million variations of these little riffs and he's able to interchange them on the fly. THE LYRICS As you all know, I don't spend much time considering the lyrics of Bernie Taupin. But Elton's best songs always have lyrics that really touch a lot of people on a personal level. At their best, they create an emotion, a feeling, or an attitude that pulls people into another place from where they are. It's like being taken on a ride, a spiritual ride, in which you and others connect in this new place that the lyrics describe. Elton is the medium who transports you there. Your Song has that magic. Its words spin a gentle, heartfelt, and honest tale of a working class guy who ponders the various ways that he might express his love. Ultimately he knows that his gift is for creating songs. He offers up his song in a humble, sort of shy and nervous way. "I hope you don't mind." "You can tell everybody this is your song." THE CHORUS The chorus starts off with a Bb/D, a nice strong move away from the Eb center of the verse. Throughout the song, Elton uses these slash chords. I think this just shows what a developed sense of harmony Elton had, even at fairly early stage. The slash chords accomplish two things. First of all, they're not as stable as a root chord. They beg for movement to somewhere else. Second of all, they create a horizontal line that's much smoother than one that jumps around. It's part of the richness that Elton injects into his piano work. In this version of Your Song, Elton uses an Eb bass under the Cm chord. I'm not sure how often he does this versus going down to the C bass. I've heard it both ways. In the middle of the chorus he does a nice little run that I've called an Fm6/Ab. The notes are C-D-F-Ab. It has a diminished sound to it and I could have called this chord a D half-diminished 7th or Dø7. The half-diminished refers to the fact that the 7th interval (C) is a minor 7th up from D rather than a diminished 7th interval. I don't which one is more correct. How about an Ab13b5? Do you like that better? Anyway, it's really kind of a jazz move don't you think? Elton ends the chorus with a I-IV-ii-V progression. PERFORMANCE TIPS Elton is exacting and VERY disciplined in his playing. For the beginning pianist, it is important to strive for a real precision both rhythmically and dynamically. For the more advanced pianist, there is a subtle looseness within the context of his precision that adds some real snap and pop to his playing. For the Beginning Pianist: When playing a chord, all notes must sound at precisely the same time. It's easy to strike a black note a little earlier than a white note, or if your hand is not in position, to come in a little late with the thumb or 5th finger. DON'T DO THAT! It's a 2-step process. Set your hand and fingers in position, hand centered over the chord, then strike downward on the notes all at the same time. With a little concentration and practice, you'll do this automatically in a continuous smooth motion. Elton's sixteenth-note rhythm is precise like clockwork. Set your metronome to the eighth note's speed and work at it. Elton's dynamics are also very uniform. Just like with a scale, each sixteenth note should be as loud as the one before or the one after it. Especially if you're playing a chord, you don't want it to overwhelm the single notes in between. Because it has two or more notes, a chord automatically has more presence than a single note. I have to consciously play the chords a little softer to get the right balance. Work on this aspect first. Accents can be added later. The left hand has kind of a bouncy rhythm that must be seamlessly integrated with the right hand. Don't pound the low note, stroke it. The upper note must blend in with the right hand notes. DO NOT over pedal Elton. Yes he uses it. But he also plays with a very legato style. He holds anchor notes of the chord. Look at the voicings in my transcripts. He overlaps the individual notes. Play legato more and play the pedal less. For the Advanced Pianist: There's a slight roll to Elton's chords. This is a very subtle roll, not like an arpeggio movement. If the chord uses his thumb, he rolls down towards his thumb. The thumb comes in just a tick later and usually louder than the other notes in the chord. If there's no thumb, he'll roll upwards towards the fifth finger. Contrary to the advice I give the beginning pianist, Elton doesn't play like a robot. There are plenty of slight hesitations and anticipations in his playing at the individual 8th and 16th note level. It gives his playing feel. Generally speaking though, his tempo is rock solid. When Elton accents a note or chord, it's often pretty exaggerated, at least by classical standards. You'll hear these notes popping out at you and interplaying with the melody line. Elton almost always works around a 4-note chord. Always position your hand over 4 notes. Even if he only plays 3, he will work in the 4th note with his broken arpeggio accompaniment style. There it is - the granddaddy of all Elton's hit songs. I hope this analysis has given you further insight into how Elton makes it happen. "I know it's not much, but it's the best I can doMy gift is my song and this one's for you." October 26, 2020 marked the 50th anniversary of Elton John's first hit, the tenderly romantic "Your Song." Written with his lyricist partner Bernie Taupin, it was our introduction to Elton John. It was all we needed. It was an old-fashioned love song in many respects, and written in the old school tradition of the legendary songwriting duos – whether George and Ira Gershwin, Rodgers & Hart, Bacharach & David, Leiber & Stoller or Goffin & King: one does the music, the other does the words. Yet their collaboration, like their songs, was both traditional and brand-new, very much of the moment while never oblivious of the past. Of all that had been done, and what was yet undone. Elton & Bernie established early on that even in this traditional collaboration, they wrote songs belonging to the new era, in terms of both their melodic and lyrical content. As we all know well, they wrote songs which seriously transcended conventional ideas about the limits of lyrics in pop songs. Whereas this province was one mostly dedicated to love and romance, they were soon writing about every subject under the sun and beyond it, too with rocket men, rock bands, fantastic cowboys, Roy Rogers, Marilyn Monroe, the yellow brick road, and a connection as delicate as tumbleweed. But it started here, with a simple, sweet, naive love song from a gentle heart. Yet it was so poignantly tuneful, genuinely romantic, and yet charmingly conversational, about the pure revelation of new love, and the age-old challenge of finding words for it all. He sweetly stumbles over his words in the song trying to connect: "Anyway, the thing is, what I really mean…"And then wrapping up the chorus apologetically for this attempt to contain it all, somehow, with words. It's such a poignant statement from these two new songwriters to the world: "I hope you don't mind that I put down into words how wonderful life is while you're in the world."Once we heard this song, we didn't need to wait for the next one to determine if Elton mattered. The simple sweetness of the words – this offering of a gift of song – wed to that gorgeous melody, and sung by that young voice of the ages, brought Elton & Bernie Taupin onto the world stage forever. Their collaboration was a wedding of great craft and instinct, of determined diligence and unconstrained genius, and it produced one miracle song after the next. Songs of the ages. It was evident that if they could create "Your Song" while still in the kindergarten of their songwriting ascent, that they would follow it with some seriously powerful songs. They so did. They went on to write one of the greatest songbooks of modern times. The song began, as did all their songs, with words. Famously Bernie would toil hard on lyrics, spending days or weeks if necessary to perfect them. Elton would then take the finished lyric, and usually in little more than 15 minutes, compose the perfect melody. Bernie Taupin & Elton John For more on Elton and Bernie, check out The Tumbleweed TruthIn a 2009 interview with Bernie I did for this magazine, he confirmed this process. "It's ridiculous," Bernie said with some awe. He has written four songs in a day sometimes." Asked how he explained this phenomenon, Bernie said, "I think he's a borderline genius. He's an amazing musician, an incredible writer. He's just got a natural flair for melody." Teamed up by the publisher Dick James, Bernie and Elton attempted at first to write normal songs, the kind of songs that were hits then. But it wasn't what they were best at, nor did it excite them. So when they abandoned that approach to embrace instead the kind of unique story songs which excited them both – influenced greatly by songs of The Band and Dylan they loved – everything shifted. Suddenly they were on their own turf, which they soon expanded into an empire. "Your Song" led the way. "It was one of the first songs we wrote," Bernie said, "when we really got locked into writing. And when we had really honed our craft after writing all these sort of early bits and pieces that never surfaced." "I wrote that song one morning when Elton and I shared an apartment in Northwood Hills just outside of London. And I remember writing it as I was having breakfast. The original lyric had tea-stains on it." "[Elton] wrote it the same day. We went into the room where the piano was and just hammered it out." "The great thing about that song," Bernie said, "is that the naiveté of it is truly honest. It's real. It's not somebody pretending to write a song that is simple and naïve. It is a simple, naïve song.""And," he added, "it still stands up." "Your Song"By Elton John & Bernie Taupin It's a little bit funny, this feelin' insideI'm not one of those who can easily hideI don't have much money, but boy, if I didI'd buy a big house where we both could livIf I was a sculptor, but then again, noOr a man who makes potions in a travelin' showOh, I know it's not much, but it's the best I can doMy gift is my song and this one's for youAnd you can tell everybody this is your songIt may be quite simple but now that it's doneI hope you don't mindI hope you don't mindThat I put down in wordsHow wonderful life is while you're in the worldI sat on the roof and kicked off the mossWell, a few of the verses, well, they've got me quite crossBut the sun's been quite kind while I wrote this songIt's for people like you that keep it turned onSo excuse me forgettin', but these things I doYou see, I've forgotten if they're green or they're blueAnyway, the thing is, what I really meanYours are the sweetest eyes I've ever seenAnd you can tell everybody this is your songIt may be quite simple but now that it's doneI hope you don't mindI hope you don't mindThat I put down in wordsHow wonderful life is while you're in the worldI hope you don't mindI hope you don't mindThat I put down in wordsHow wonderful life is while you're in the world © Universal Music Publishing Group Elton John And Bernie Taupin. Picture: Getty Like with most Elton John songs, he wrote the melody of the song while Bernie Taupin wrote the lyrics.The song was written in 1967 and included on Elton's self-titled second album. Taupin was just 17 when he wrote it.It was one of the first songs Elton wrote with Taupin. They met after a record company gave Elton some of Taupin's lyrics to work with.Eventually, they moved into Elton John's parents' house, where they started working together. The original lyrics have coffee stains on them."The original lyric was written very rapidly on the kitchen table of Elton's mother's apartment in Northwood Hills in the suburbs of London, if I recall, on a particularly grubby piece of exercise paper," Taupin later said. Elton John - Your Song Original Music Video (new audio) (HQ) Taupin wrote the song's lyrics after having breakfast on the roof of 20 Denmark Street, London, where Elton worked for a music publishing firm as an office boy.This inspired the line: "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss".The lyrics express the romantic feelings of an innocent person. Elton sings a straightforward love song at the beginning: "It's a little bit funny this feeling inside / I'm not one of those who can easily hide / I don't have much money but boy if I did / I'd buy a big house where we both could live."Elton has said that this song is not about anyone in particular, and Taupin has refused to reveal the identity of the person, if they even exist. He told Rolling Stone: "I always thought 'Your Song' was written about one of his girlfriends, and when I asked him that, he just said, 'No it wasn't!' He gets fairly defensive."He told Music Connection in 1989: "It's like the perennial ballad 'Your Song,' which has got to be one of the most naïve and childish lyrics in the entire repertoire of music, but I think the reason it still stands up is because it was real at the time."That was exactly what I was feeling. I was 17 years old and it was coming from someone whose outlook on love or experience with love was totally new and naïve." Elton John's "Your Song" - Three Dog Night 1970 Before he was a huge success, Elton worked as a songwriter and studio musician, and was briefly the warm-up act for US rock band Three Dog Night.Three Dog Night recorded 'Your Song' on their 1970 album It Ain't Easy.The Story of... 'Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word' by Elton JohnHowever, they decided not to release it as a single in order to give the young Elton his big chance of making a success of himself, and it worked. Thanks guys! Surprisingly, the song only reached number 7 in the UK and number 8 in the US, but it has gone on to become one of Elton's most celebrated songs. Ellie Goulding - Your Song MANY artists over the years!Elton himself has released updated versions, including a duet with Alessandro Safina in 2002. He also performed it with Billy Joel in 2001 at a tribute show following the 9/11 attacks.Other covers include:- Rod Stewart- Ellie Goulding (used in the 2010 John Lewis Christmas advert, a number two hit single)- Lady Gaga- Billy Paul- Harry Connick Jr- Ewan McGregor (in Moulin Rouge) 1970 single by Elton John Not to be confused with Our Song. This article is about the Elton John song. For other uses, see Your Song (disambiguation). "Your Song"One of side-A labels of the US singleSingle by Elton Johnfrom the album Elton John B-side"Take Me to the Pilot""Into the Old Man's Shoes"Released26 October 1970 (1970-10-26)Recorded22 January 1970StudioTrident, LondonGenre Traditional pop[1] soft rock[2] Length4:03Label Uni DJM Songwriter(s) Elton John Bernie Taupin Producer(s)Gus DudgeonElton John singles chronology "From Denver to L.A." (1970) "Your Song" (1970) "Friends" (1971) Audio video"Your Song" on YouTube "Your Song" is a song written by musician Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin, and performed by John. It was John's first international Top 10 chart single. "Your Song" was first released by American rock band Three Dog Night in March 1970 as an album track on It Ain't Easy. John was an opening act for the band at the time and allowed them to record it. They did not release it as a single as they wanted to let John, then an upcoming artist, have a go with it. John's version was recorded at Trident Studios in London in January 1970 and appeared in April as the first cut on his self-titled second studio album. Following "Border Song" as the first album single, "Your Song" was released in the United States in October 1970 as the B-side to "Take Me to the Pilot". Both sides received airplay, but "Your Song" was preferred by disc jockeys and replaced "Take Me to the Pilot" as the A-side, eventually making it to number eight on the Billboard chart. The song also peaked at number 7 on the UK Singles Chart, as well as charting in the top 10 in several other countries. In 1998, "Your Song" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.[3] In 2004, the song was placed at number 136 on Rolling Stone's list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time", 137 in its 2010 list, and 202 in its 2021 list. The song is listed among the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll.[4] A demo version was included in John's 1990 box set album To Be Continued.[5] In 2017, the song was voted by the British public as The Nation's Favourite Elton John Song in a UK-wide poll for ITV.[6] The song has been covered by a number of artists, including Rod Stewart, Lady Gaga and Ellie Goulding. The song was also covered by Ewan McGregor and opera singer Alessandro Safina in the 2001 musical film Moulin Rouge! and by Taron Egerton in the 2019 film Rocketman. In 2024, the song was certified 3× Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).[7] One widespread story is that Bernie Taupin wrote the song's lyrics after breakfast one morning on the roof of 20 Denmark Street, London, where John worked for a music publishing firm as an office boy, hence the line "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss." However, Taupin has denied this, pointing out that John had stopped working there by the time they met. According to Taupin, "I scribbled the lyric down on a lined notepad at the kitchen table of Elton's mother's apartment in the London suburb of Northwood Hills, breakfast time sometime in 1969. That's it. Plain and simple."[8] The instrumental focus is on John's Leon Russell-influenced piano work, along with acoustic guitar, Paul Buckmaster's string accompaniment, and a shuffling rhythm section.[original research?] The lyrics express the romantic thoughts of an innocent person. John sings a straightforward love-song lyric at the beginning: "It's a little bit funny this feeling inside / I'm not one of those who can easily hide / I don't have much money, but boy, if I did / I'd buy a big house where we both could live." At times the self-deprecating narrator stumbles to get out his feelings, which despite being a melodramatic device, AllMusic calls "effective and sweet":[9] According to a journal entry on John's official website, he wrote the music for "Your Song" on Monday, 27 October 1969.[10] "Your Song" was the inspiration for the song "We All Fall in Love Sometimes" on John's 1975 album Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy.[11] The song is performed in the key of E-flat major.[12] "Your Song" was praised by critics upon its release and in subsequent years, and is widely regarded as one of John's greatest songs. Writing in NME on its release, Derek Johnson wrote, "The song itself is glowing and strangely haunting, the scoring is smooth and delicate and the performance is symptomatic of a new era in pop idols."[13] Bill Janovitz from AllMusic described it as a "near-perfect song".[9] In a 1975 interview with Rolling Stone, John Lennon recalled, I remember hearing Elton John's 'Your Song', heard it in America—it was one of Elton's first big hits—and remember thinking, 'Great, that's the first new thing that's happened since we (The Beatles) happened.' It was a step forward. There was something about his vocal that was an improvement on all of the English vocals until then. I was pleased with it."[14] John Mendelsohn from Rolling Stone called the song a "pretty McCartney-esque ballad".[15] In the 2019 book Elton John: Every Album, Every Song – 1969–1979, author Peter Kearns made the following quote in reference to "Your Song". "The words securely insulate themselves against possible criticism by admitting their ineptitude for the task at hand". In 2018, The Guardian ranked the song number four on their list of the 50 greatest Elton John songs,[16] and in 2022, Billboard ranked the song number two on their list of the 75 greatest Elton John songs.[17] "Your Song" rose to number eight on the Billboard Hot 100 and number seven on the UK Singles Chart by January 1971. In 2002, John re-recorded the song as a duet with Safina for the first Sport Relief charity telethon and released it on 15 July 2002; this version reached number four in the UK.[18][19] In the US it was certified Gold and Platinum on 13 December 2012 by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales of over one million digital downloads. On 23 July 2021, it was certified 2× Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), denoting sales in excess of 1,200,000 digital downloads. In the US in April 2018, it was certified 2× Platinum for sales of two million digital downloads by the Recording Industry Association of America. In 2020, Canadian singer-songwriter the Weeknd referenced "Your Song" on his song "Scared to Live". 1970 US 7-inch single "Take Me to the Pilot" – 3:43 "Your Song" – 3:57 1971 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Into the Old Man's Shoes" 1978 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1985 UK 7-inch single "Cry to Heaven" "Candy By the Pound" "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On/I Saw Her Standing There/Twist and Shout" (live) "Your Song" (live) 1987 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" (live) "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" (live) 1992 US 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1999 US CD single "Recover Your Soul" (live) – 4:40 "Your Song" (live) – 4:08 2000 US 12-inch single "We Belong" (S.R.R. mix) by Pat Benatar – 10:39 "Your Song" (Junior's Vasquez mix) – 10:00 2002 US CD single "Your Song" (featuring Alessandro Safina) – 4:19 "Your Song" (instrumental) "Your Song" (video) Credits adapted from the liner notes of Elton John.[20] Elton John – piano, vocals Paul Buckmaster – string arrangement, conducting Frank Clark – acoustic guitar Gus Dudgeon – production Colin Green – guitar Clive Hicks – 12-string guitar Barry Morgan – drums Dave Richmond – double bass Chart (1971) Peakposition Australia (Kent Music Report)[21] 11 Belgium (Ultratop 50 Flanders)[22] 16 Canada Top Singles (RPM)[23] 3 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[24] 4 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 13 Netherlands (Dutch Top 40)[26] 10 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[27] 4 New Zealand (Listener)[28] 18 UK Singles (OCC)[29] 7 US Billboard Hot 100[30] 8 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[31] 9 US Cash Box Top 100[32] 8 Chart (1987) Peakposition UK Singles (OCC)[33] Live 85 Chart (2003) Peakposition US Dance Club Songs (Billboard)[34] 5 Chart (2007) Peakposition Norway (VG-lista)[35] 10 Chart (2012) Peakposition France (SNEP)[36] 159 Chart (2013) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[37] 73 Version with Alessandro Safina Chart (2002) Peakposition Canada (Canadian Singles Chart)[38] 8 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 29 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[39] 88 Romania (Romanian Top 100)[40] 52 Scotland (OCC)[41] 5 UK Singles (OCC)[42] 4 Chart (2010) Peakposition European Hot 100 Singles (Billboard)[43] 11 Chart (1971) Position Canada Top Singles (RPM)[44] 75 US Cash Box Top 100[45] 74 Chart (2002) Position Canada (Nielsen SoundScan)[46]With Alessandro Safina 117 UK Singles (OCC)[47]With Alessandro Safina 149 Certifications for "Your Song" Region Certification Certified units/sales Austria (IFPI Austria)[48] Platinum 100,000* Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[49] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[50] Platinum 90,000‡ Germany (BVMI)[51] Gold 300,000‡ Italy (FIMI)[52] sales since 2009 2× Platinum 200,000‡ Japan (RIAJ)[53] 1996 release Gold 50,000^ New Zealand (RMNZ)[54] 4× Platinum 120,000‡ Spain (PROMUSICAE)[55] 2× Platinum 120,000‡ United Kingdom (BPI)[56] sales since 2008 3× Platinum 1,800,000‡ United States (RIAA)[57] 3× Platinum 3,000,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.^ Shipments figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. John has played "Your Song" at almost every live performance during his solo career, and issued several live versions, including with his band, solo on piano and with orchestra. One notable version was during his Central Park concert in 1980, when John was dressed as Donald Duck. A live version of John's concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, recorded on 14 December 1986, was included in his 1987 album Live in Australia with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He also performed "Your Song" live with Ronan Keating at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 2000, the recording of which can be found on Keating's 2010 album Duet. On 20 October 2001, John performed the song with Billy Joel at The Concert for New York City, a tribute show to the September 11 attacks. In 2004, Daniel Bedingfield performed a cover of the song to Elton John at An Ivor Novello Tribute: Elton John. John performed "Your Song" to open the Concert for Diana on 1 July 2007.[58] John and Lady Gaga performed a medley of "Your Song" with Gaga's song "Speechless" at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards on 31 January 2010.[59] At the 2013 Grammy Awards, Colombian singer Juanes performed a bilingual rendition of "Your Song".[60] Gaga recorded a cover of the song for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[61] Cilla Black covered the song on her 1971 album Images.[62] Soul singer Billy Paul released a version of the song on Philadelphia International in 1972, as the B-side of "Me and Mrs. Jones", then in 1977, which reached number 37 on the UK Singles Chart and spent seven weeks in the top 75.[63] Also in 1972, the song was covered by Finnish band Alwari Tuohitorvi, with Finnish lyrics.[64] In 1973, Mia Martini released an Italian version of the song on her album Il giorno dopo, under the title "Picnic".[citation needed] In 2014, singer Aloe Blacc released "The Man" from his 2014 album Lift Your Spirit and the melody of this album hinges on the melody of this song.[citation needed] In 2018, John starred in the annual Christmas advert of British department store chain John Lewis & Partners, titled "The Boy & the Piano". Set to "Your Song", it featured John reminiscing about his life in reverse, culminating with him receiving a piano for Christmas as a child.[65][66] In December 2021, it was reported that the original plan was for John to sing "Your Song" at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, but the final choice was "Candle in the Wind 1997".[67] "Your Song"Single by Rod Stewartfrom the album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin B-side"Broken Arrow"Released6 April 1992 (1992-04-06)[68]Length4:49LabelWarner Bros.Composer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Trevor HornRod Stewart singles chronology "People Get Ready" (1992) "Your Song" (1992) "Broken Arrow" (1992) English singer and songwriter Rod Stewart covered "Your Song" for the tribute album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin (1991). His version was released in April 1992 as a double A-side single with "Broken Arrow". European CD maxi single and UK 12-inch single "Your Song" – 4:47 "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 "Mandolin Wind" – 5:27 "The First Cut Is the Deepest" – 3:52 UK and French 7-inch single A. "Your Song" – 4:47 AA. "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 Chart (1992) Peakposition Canada Top Singles (RPM)[69] 25 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[70] 23 France (SNEP)[71] 38 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[72] 60 UK Singles (OCC)[73] 41 US Billboard Hot 100[74] 48 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[75] 6 "Your Song"Single by Ellie Gouldingfrom the album Bright Lights Released12 November 2010 (2010-11-12)Recorded2010StudioThe Pool and The Square, LondonGenrePopfolkLength3:10LabelPolydorComposer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Ben LovettEllie Goulding singles chronology "The Writer" (2010) "Your Song" (2010) "Wonderman" (2011) Music video"Your Song" on YouTube English singer and songwriter Ellie Goulding covered "Your Song" for the reissue of her debut studio album, titled Bright Lights. Produced by Ben Lovett of Mumford & Sons, it was released digitally on 12 November 2010 as the re-release's lead single.[76] The song was featured in the Christmas 2010 television advert for department store chain John Lewis.[77] Goulding performed "Your Song" at the reception party of Prince William and Catherine Middleton's wedding at Buckingham Palace on 29 April 2011, to which the couple shared their first dance.[78] She also performed the song on Saturday Night Live on 7 May 2011, along with "Lights".[79] Goulding's version was featured at the end of the 29 July 2011 episode of the Syfy supernatural drama series Haven, titled "Love Machine".[80] Nick Levine of Digital Spy gave the song four out of five stars, commenting that producer Lovett "shrouds her beautifully fluttery vocals in little but piano and strings, just adding a few harmonies towards the finish, allowing her to draw out the tenderness in Bernie Taupin's lyrics and the utter loveliness of one of Elton John's very best melodies. The result is a quiet, modest triumph, but a triumph nonetheless."[81] Caryn Ganz of Spin magazine opined that her cover is "everything Gaga's Grammy version wasn't—a tender, vulnerable gift".[82] AllMusic critic Jon O'Brien, in his review for Bright Lights, called it "unimaginative" and felt that it "sounds out of place alongside the rest of her rather more adventurous material".[83] "Your Song" debuted at number 39 on the UK Singles Chart for the week of 14 November 2010. The single jumped to number three the following week, selling 84,896 copies.[84] In its third week, it climbed to its peak position of number two (behind The X Factor Finalists 2010's cover of David Bowie's "'Heroes'") on sales of 72,292 copies,[85] becoming Goulding's highest-peaking single until 2013.[86] It maintained its position the following week, selling 63,753 units.[87] The song also topped the UK Singles Downloads Chart for the week ending 11 December 2010.[88] The single was certified double platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) on 24 September 2021 and had sold 826,000 copies in the UK by August 2013.[89][90] Elsewhere, "Your Song" reached number four in Austria,[91] number five in Ireland,[25] number 22 in Denmark,[92] number 25 in Sweden[93] and number 56 in Switzerland.[94] The music video, directed by Ben Coughlan and Max Knight,[95] premiered on YouTube on 14 November 2010. Shot in a home video look, it depicts Goulding's life on the road with friends. Areas from Goulding's hometown of Hereford can be seen throughout the video, including Hereford railway station.[96] Digital single[76] "Your Song" – 3:10 Credits adapted from the liner notes of Bright Lights.[97] Ellie Goulding – vocals Matt Lawrence – engineering, mixing Ben Lovett – backing vocals, kick drum, piano, production Ruth de Turberville – backing vocals, cello Matt Wiggins – timpani Chart (2010–14) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[91] 4 Czech Republic (Rádio – Top 100)[98] 63 Denmark (Tracklisten)[92] 22 Euro Digital Song Sales (Billboard)[99] 2 France (SNEP)[100] 126 Germany (GfK)[101] 75 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 5 Scotland (OCC)[102] 2 Sweden (Sverigetopplistan)[93] 25 Switzerland (Schweizer Hitparade)[94] 56 UK Singles (OCC)[86] 2 Chart (2010) Position UK Singles (OCC)[103] 21 Chart (2011) Position UK Singles (OCC)[104] 102 Chart (2013) Position Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[105] 56 Certifications for "Your Song (Ellie Goulding version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[106] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[107] Gold 45,000‡ New Zealand (RMNZ)[108] Gold 15,000‡ Norway (IFPI Norway)[109] Platinum 10,000* United Kingdom (BPI)[89] 2× Platinum 1,300,000[110] United States (RIAA)[111] Gold 500,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. External audio "Your Song" by Lady Gaga on YouTube American singer Lady Gaga recorded a cover of "Your Song" for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[112] It was released digitally as a promotional single on 30 March 2018.[113] Gaga performed the song at The Recording Academy's tribute concert, titled "Elton John: I'm Still Standing – A Grammy Salute", which aired on CBS on 10 April 2018.[114] In April, during the release of Revamp in Japan (there re-titled Your Song: Elton John Best Hits Cover),[115] Lady Gaga's cover of "Your Song" was widely promoted on the country's radio stations, becoming the most played song on Japanese radio in mid-April.[116] The song reached the top thirty in Hungary, Japan, Mexico, the digital downloads chart of Spain and the US Pop Digital Songs chart. Chart (2018) Peakposition France Downloads (SNEP)[117] 31 Hungary (Single Top 40)[118] 18 Italy (Musica e Dischi)[119] 27 Japan (Japan Hot 100) (Billboard)[120] 27 Japan Hot Overseas (Billboard)[116] 3 Mexico Ingles Airplay (Billboard)[121] 30 Scotland (OCC)[122] 79 Spain Downloads (PROMUSICAE)[123] 12 US Pop Digital Songs (Billboard)[121] 21 Certifications for "Your Song (Lady Gaga version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[124] Gold 20,000‡ ‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone.

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(March 2022) (Learn how and when to remove this message) (Learn how and when to remove this message) 7digital Group PlcIndustryB2B Music Technology ServicesFoundedJanuary 2004Headquarters69 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BB, London, United KingdomNumber of locations5Area served20 countries (August 2023)Key peoplePaul Langworthy (CEO) Michael Juskiewicz (CFO) Samantha Sawyer (CCO) Jon Hilbrants (CCO)[1]ServicesWhite-label music solutions, API, music download stores, production, streaming music services, radio services, voucher promotions, loyalty schemesRevenueEUR 6.69 million (2021)OwnerSongtradrNumber of employees70SubsidiariesEntertainment News, Unique The Production Company, Smooth Operations, Unique Interactive, Above The TitleWebsitewww.7digital.com 7digital Group PLC is a British company that offers access to music, tracking and reporting for clients. London-based, 7digital provides end-to-end music services for the fitness, social media, DSPs, and gaming industries with brands such as Barry's and Triller.[2][3] Advertising Age described 7digital (Zdigital in Australia) in 2008 as a British download store,[4] while the New York Times referred to them as a digital music company.[5][6] 7digital's Smooth Operations, Unique Production and Above the Title companies are now branded 7digital Creative, and produce content for BBC Radio 1, Radio 1Xtra, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3.[citation needed] In 2009 HMV bought 50% of 7digital.[7] In 2019, the company replaced their second CEO,[1] Simon Cole,[8] who had replaced founder/CEO Ben Drury.[5] In February 2023, it was announced 7digital had been acquired by the Santa Monica-headquartered B2B music licensing company, Songtradr.[9] Initially their API was used by Guvera, Onkyo, Samsung, BlackBerry, HMV, musical.ly (now TikTok) and Technics. They subsequently partnered with Triller, FORME Life, Soundtrack Your Brand, Global Eagle, Grandpad, Apex Rides, and Fender. 7digital was founded in 2004 by Ben Drury and James Kane[10] as a B2B digital music services company, building music download stores for record labels, brands and other retailers. 7digital Direct to Consumer (D2C) service was launched in 2005. 7digital is backed by technology venture capital firm Balderton Capital (formerly Benchmark Capital Europe). On 28 January 2008, 7digital raised £4.25m in its series B investor round, securing investment from various groups including Sutton Place Managers. The investment was to be used to launch 7digital.com in more European countries and the United States,[11] along with expanding the sites offerings to include downloadable video and computer games.[12] In September 2008, 7digital.com was the first company in Europe to launch DRM-free MP3 downloads with all four major record labels.[13] As of October 2008, 7digital employed 45 people in London and had over 1.3 million registered customers.[14] On 3 August 2009, HMV bought a 50% holding in 7digital from its venture capital owners.[15] In 2011, 7digital expanded with an office in Luxembourg and in early 2012, they expanded to the US with an office in San Francisco, CA.[16] In October 2012, 7digital secured $10 million in funding from two new investors,[17] Dolby and Imagination Technologies.[18] HMV's stake was previously reduced to less than 20%,[19] and following HMV entering into administration, retail restructuring specialists Hilco, are now the holders of these shares. On 25 November 2013, UBC Media announced merger plans with 7digital by way of a reverse takeover.[20][21] The merger was completed in May 2014, forming 7digital Group Plc.[22] The company entered a business relationship with MediaMarktSaturn in 2017, which it ended in 2019, in exchange for a cash payment of €4 million. The end of the partnership led to a need for 7digital to raise capital by the third quarter of 2019 to remain operational. The share price fell in response to these developments, with a loss of 63% on 9 April and further losses on 10 April 2019.[23] 7digital's agnostic platform is used for building products on any type of connected device. Barry's[24] Kuaishou: Kuaishou has multiple short video platforms and live broadcasts apps around the world including Kuaishou, Kuaishou Lite, Kwai, Zynn, and Snack Video[25] Apex Rides: London-based Apex Rides, a smart bike and in-home fitness platform[26] Triller: US-based short-form video sharing app (and TikTok rival)[27] Musical.ly: (May 2016)[28] eMusic: (Jan 2016)[29] Guvera: (July 2014)[30][31] On 10 November 2014, Guvera announced that it had launched its streaming service in India.[32] They shut down in May 2017. Onkyo: (June 2014)[33][34] The Onkyo Music service ceased operation on 6 October 2019.[35] Spanish Broadcasting System: (September 2014)[36] Panasonic: (November 2014)[37] They shut down the Service in 2019.[38] Samsung: for Music Hub version 1.0.[39] Replaced nu by 2.0 and 3.0 dependent on the territory that the handset was designated for. In 2012 with the launch of Samsung Galaxy S3 devices in Europe[40] and North America the Music Hub has begun to include subscription streaming alongside their music downloads. 7digital pre-install is also available on Samsung Galaxy S4.[41] BlackBerry: (initially 2010, then for their OS 7 devices) subsequently for Blackberry 10 users.[42][43] 2012: service to run on their new OS (QNX)[44] 7digital is independent of their business since significant investment they received in 2012. Re-launched in October 2013, HMVdigital.com is a download store.[45] 7digital collaborated with Canonical Ltd. to provide the Ubuntu One Music Store in the Ubuntu Operating System starting from Ubuntu 10.04.[46] On 2 April 2014 Canonical announced the closure of all of the Ubuntu One file services.[47] Spotify users from the UK, France, Norway, Finland, Spain, The Netherlands and Sweden were able to purchase tracks to download (if available) from 7digital in 2009.[48] This was done by right-clicking and selecting the 'Buy From' link. However, Spotify launched their own purchase service during 2011 which replaced 7digital.[49] In October 2014, it was announced that 7digital would work with will.i.am[50] for his new wearable smart device. In November 2014, 7digital partners Technics launched 'Technics Tracks', a new premium Hi-Resolution audio service.[51] Alongside its B2B digital music services business, 7digital offers music tracks direct to consumers in MQA, MP3 320, 256, M4A, 16-bit and 24-bit FLAC audio.[52] The 7digital mobile app has been pre-installed on devices through partnerships with Acer,[53] HTC,[54] Samsung, BlackBerry, Pioneer,[55] HP, Dell, and Sonos. 7digital's Indiestore launched in early 2006 and allowed unsigned artists and independent labels create their own digital music download store for free.[56] The Indiestore was discontinued in 2010.[57] 7digital directs independent artists to work with independent aggregators, where they will be able to service their music to a variety of music retailers.[58] In December 2014, 7digital became the first music platform to adopt Meridian Audio's high-quality MQA format for streaming/downloads.[59] As of July 2015, 7digital operated in 82 countries.[60] On May 19, 2017, 7digital announced the sudden closure of its EU store,[61] though it continued to have stores for some individual European nations. 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Trousered Philanthropists (links | edit) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (radio series) (links | edit) The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Tertiary to Hexagonal Phases (links | edit) About a Dog (links | edit) Bruce Hyman (links | edit) Ukrainians in the United Kingdom (links | edit) The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul (radio serial) (links | edit) Newfangle (links | edit) Dirk Gently (TV series) (links | edit) List of companies based in London (links | edit) Wana Udobang (links | edit) Talk:The Salmon of Doubt (links | edit) Talk:Above the Title Productions (links | edit) User talk:Coccoloni (links | edit) Wikipedia:WikiProject Spam/LinkReports/telegraph.co.uk (links | edit) Supernature (Goldfrapp album) (links | edit) MSN Music (links | edit) Harem (album) (links | edit) TuneTribe (links | edit) Bleep (store) (links | edit) Your Song (links | edit) Internet radio device (links | edit) CD Baby (links | edit) I Am Kloot (album) (links | edit) Beat of My Heart (links | edit) Trick Me (links | edit) Sudirman (singer) (links | edit) Absolute Garbage (links | edit) TuneCore (links | edit) Soraya Arnelas (links | edit) All We Know Is Falling (links | edit) View (previous 50 | next 50) (20 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500) Retrieved from " WhatLinksHere/7digital" There's a scene in the Elton John movie, Rocketman, where the songwriting partnership between the ivory-tinkling megastar and his lyricist Bernie Taupin is laid out in all its easy glory. Taupin sits at Elton's mother's breakfast table, blithely scribbling lyrics onto a sheet of paper. He hands it over to Elton ("It's got tea on it," John responds incredulously) and heads upstairs to take a shower. No sooner has Taupin contemplated a shave in the bathroom mirror, than Elton has bashed out a melody and finished the song. The song, of course, is John's eventual smash hit Your Song.The movie scene relies on a pinch of poetic license – it's being billed as a "musical fantasy" rather than biopic, after all – but the reality of how Your Song came to life isn't far behind. You may like "The original lyric was written very rapidly on the kitchen table of Elton's mother's [house] in Northwood Hills in the suburbs of London, if I recall, on a particularly grubby piece of exercise paper," Taupin told The Independent in 2018. "I remember writing it as I was having breakfast – the original lyric had tea stains on it," he told Paul Zollo in Songwriters On Songwriting. "Elton wrote it the same day. We went into the room where the piano was and just hammered it out.""I remember writing it at my parents' apartment in North London and Bernie giving me the lyrics," John told Rolling Stone in 2013. "[I sat] down at the piano and looked at it, going, 'Oh, my God, this is such a great lyric, I can't fuck this one up'. It came out in about 20 minutes, and when I was done, I called him in and we both knew."Written in the very early days of the pair's partnership, the song marked the first time John and Taupin really realised the power they had as a duo. "Your Song was one of the first songs we wrote when we really got locked into writing and when we had really honed our craft after writing all the sort of early bits and pieces that never surfaced," Taupin told Zollo. Sign up below to get the latest from Classic Rock, plus exclusive special offers, direct to your inbox!If the lyrics sound naive, it's because they were: Taupin was only 17 when he wrote them, and had never experienced romantic love – not really. So he put down his idea of what it might be like on to paper. "It's got to be one of the most naïve and childish lyrics in the entire repertoire of music," he told Music Connection in 1989. "But I think the reason it still stands up is because it was real at the time. That was exactly what I was feeling. I was 17 years old and it was coming from someone whose outlook on love or experience with love was totally new and naïve." The subject who inspired the song was never revealed – even Elton himself claims not to know."I remember writing it as I was having breakfast – the original lyric had tea stains on it"Bernie TaupinReleased in 1970 as one of the tracks on John's self-titled debut, it wasn't until a year later that the song took on a life of its own. John had been making headlines in the US thanks to a run of incendiary performances at legendary LA venue The Troubadour. Pulling in sold-out crowds night after night, John and Taupin's weekend in the city slowly morphed into a residency, which gradually became a tour. Elton John's songs – particularly the album's opening trio of Your Song, Border Song and Take Me To The Pilot – became ubiquitous on US rock radio, and his US audiences only grew. But in the UK, audiences were frustratingly slow to catch on. Determined to make his mark in his home country, John's quest for a hit in the UK charts began, and Your Song was finally released as a single in January 1971.Your Song's UK chart success can actually be traced back to an ultimatum made by Radio One breakfast show DJ Tony Blackburn, who promised to make the track record of the week, just so long as it was released on single. The rest, as they say, is history. While the track didn't make number one (it charted at number seven in the UK; number 8 in the US) it did awaken UK audiences to the 70s' biggest new rockstar.It also made a fan of ex-Beatle John Lennon, who became close to Elton following the song's release. "There was something about his vocals that was an improvement on all English vocals until then," Lennon said. Inspired by the simple arrangement of purely piano and vocals, Lennon's own hit, Imagine, followed later the same year. The song has stood the test of time, growing in popularity in the years since its release. Given a new lease of life after it was used as a focal point in Baz Luhrmann's musical romance movie Moulin Rouge! in 2001, it also found its way to a John Lewis Christmas advert in 2018, reigniting interest (and sales) all over again.As well as being voted the UK's favourite Elton John song, it's his most-performed song of them all, having been played over 2200 times over the course of John's career. Possibly its most prestigious public outing was at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018."The great thing about that song is that the naivete of it is truly honest," Taupin told Zollo. "It's real. It's not somebody pretending to write a song that is simple and naive. "It is a simple, naive song. And it still stands up." "Your Song" is a ballad performed by the iconic English singer Elton John. The lyrics, which were written by Elton's longtime collaborator Bernie Taupin, see the narrator express his love in a purely innocent and beautiful way to his significant other. Despite many speculations that the lyrics of this song address a significant other in either Elton or Taupin's teenage lives (because the song was written when both musicians were 17), Elton insists they aren't about any particular person in either his or Taupin's lives. However, in an interview he had with Music Connection magazine in the late 1980s, he referred to the lyrics of the song as "childish and naïve" and said they were real at the time they were written. He further stated that the lyrics were exactly how he was feeling when he was a 17-year-old kid whose encounter with love was both new and naïve. In another interview Elton had with Rolling Stone magazine, he said he often doesn't ask Taupin who or what the lyrics he writes are about. According to him, he always thought Taupin wrote the song about one of his girlfriends. However, when he asked Taupin if he wrote it for a girlfriend of his, Taupin said NO! "How wonderful life is while you're in the world" The song was written by John and Bernie. Bernie wrote the lyrics and John composed the melody. The pair wrote this classic at Elton's parents' house in London, where they were both living. According to Taupin, he wrote the lyrics on a "grubby piece of exercise paper" over breakfast on a kitchen table. The exercise paper on which the original lyrics of the song were written contains coffee stains. Hence if one were to take a look at original lyrics today, one would see that certain parts of them have visible coffee stains. Having received the lyrics from Taupin, Elton used only 20 minutes to compose the melody. The late English record producer Gus Dudgeon took care of the production. FYI, Gus died tragically with his wife in 2002 in a ghastly road accident. "Your Song" officially came out on October 26th, 1970. Elton's label released it as one of the 3 singles from his second studio album titled after himself. The track went on to become not only Elton's first hit but also his breakthrough single. It played a massive role in establishing his career. And by the way, Elton wasn't the first to release this classic. The American rock band Three Dog Night released this first. They released their version in March 1970 (about 7 months before Elton's). The band decided not to release the song as a single because they wanted Elton (who was at that time budding artist) to release it as such since they felt it would help kick start his career. Speaking with Rolling Stone magazine in 1975, John Lennon said when he first heard "Your Song", he was very pleased with what he heard. To him, it felt like "the first new thing" to have happened in the music industry since The Beatles happened. According to many publications, this is one of the greatest songs of all time. For example, in both the Rolling Stone magazine's 2004 and 2010 lists of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time", this track was ranked at number 137. This classic peaked at numbers 7 and 8 in Britain and U.S.A., respectively. This made it Elton's first song to enter into the top 10 of both countries. Since its birth in the 1970, this song has been performed live at every single major Elton John concert. According to Elton, it is one of the best love songs he has ever written. The track was honored with an induction into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1998. Since "Your Song" came out in 1970, several prominent artists have released cover versions. Here are some of the famous covers of this song: Rod Stewart in 1992. Steward's version peaked at numbers 41 and 48 in Britain and America respectively.Ellie Goulding in 2010. Goulding's version made it all the way to number 2 Britain.Lady Gaga also came out with her own version in 2018. In 2002, Elton recorded this song again with the renowned Italian opera singer Alessandro Safina for charity. Introduction Elton John's 'Your Song,' released in 1970 on his self-titled album, remains one of the most cherished records in pop music history. Often hailed as his breakthrough hit, the song propelled Elton John to international stardom, establishing him as a consequential figure in the music world. 'Your Song' is a cornerstone in the pop genre, characterized by its poignant lyrics, evocative melodies, and timeless appeal. This detailed analysis aims to explore the significance of 'Your Song' within the context of Elton John's career and its broader impact on popular and musical cultures. The journey through 'Your Song' is not just an exploration of a track but a deep dive into the themes, lyrical prowess, and musical craftsmanship that mark this classic. Elton John and the Emergence of a Classic By the time 'Your Song' was released, Elton John was on the precipice of a remarkable career. His collaboration with lyricist Bernie Taupin provided a unique synergy of emotive storytelling and haunting melodies. Elton John's style during this period was a tapestry of piano-driven melodies woven with rock, pop, and a touch of folk influences—a distinct blend that quickly captured the public's imagination. Themes and Lyrical Content The charm of 'Your Song' lies in its simplicity and heartfelt expression. The central theme revolves around a pure and honest declaration of love. Bernie Taupin's lyrics encapsulate a sense of youthful innocence and genuine emotion that resonates with listeners of all ages. Lines like "I hope you don't mind / That I put down in words / How wonderful life is while you're in the world" convey a sentiment that is universally relatable yet deeply personal. The narrative voice in 'Your Song' is sincere and humble, as reflected in the opening line, "It's a little bit funny." This self-effacing introduction sets the tone for the rest of the song, suggesting an intimate conversation rather than a grandiose declaration. The naturalness of these words becomes a defining characteristic of the track, grounding its emotionality in everyday human experience. Musical Techniques and Composition From a musical standpoint, 'Your Song' stands out through its sophisticated simplicity. The track begins with a clean, melodic piano sequence that serves as the anchor throughout. Elton John's mastery of the piano is evident; his playing is emotive yet restrained, allowing the lyrics to shine. The chord progression transitions smoothly, encapsulating a bittersweet tone that complements the lyrics' sentiments. The orchestral arrangement, featuring strings and woodwinds, subtly enhances the song without overwhelming it. This strategic layering creates a rich, textured sound that elevates the ballad to a higher echelon of musical artistry. The bridge, where Elton sings "I hope you don't mind," is accentuated by an upward melodic shift, adding intensity and depth to the listener's emotional journey. Highlighting Elton's vocal delivery, his voice carries genuine warmth and vulnerability. The slight rasps and breaks in his voice as he crescendos are essential in conveying the heartfelt emotion embedded in Taupin's lyrics. It is a performance that is both technically proficient and profoundly human. Cultural, Social, and Historical Context When 'Your Song' emerged in 1970, it came at a time of significant cultural shifts. The late 1960s and early 1970s were marked by transformations in social norms, the counterculture movement, and a burgeoning emphasis on personal expression and authenticity. In this landscape, 'Your Song' resonated profoundly with a generation seeking sincere connections and expressions of love and individuality amid a rapidly changing world. Musically, this was also an era when the singer-songwriter movement was gaining traction, with artists like James Taylor, Carole King, and Joni Mitchell coming into prominence. Elton John's emergence within this movement positioned him as a leading voice that defined and expanded on the norms of the genre. 'Your Song' exemplified a straightforward yet powerful expression, devoid of the cynicism that would characterize much of later pop music. Legacy and Lasting Influence The enduring legacy of 'Your Song' can be seen in its continual presence in popular culture and its influence on countless artists. Covered by a multitude of performers, from Ellie Goulding to Rod Stewart, the song's adaptability speaks to its universal appeal. These covers, spanning different genres and styles, underscore the song's versatile and timeless nature. Elton John's performance of 'Your Song' at major events, such as the concert for Princess Diana in 1997, reinforced its iconic status and emotional resonance. The track not only immortalized Elton John but also solidified his role as a staple in the pantheon of great music. Its induction into the Grammy Hall of Fame further cements its status as a seminal work that stands the test of time. Reflective Takeaways The journey through 'Your Song' is as relevant today as it was over fifty years ago. Its themes of love, honesty, and heartfelt simplicity continue to strike a chord with modern audiences. As pop music evolves, the song remains a touchstone, reminding us of the enduring power of sincere artistic expression. Reflective Questions: How does 'Your Song' resonate with contemporary listeners, and what elements contribute to its timeless appeal? In an era of rapidly shifting musical styles and digital production, what lessons can modern songwriters and musicians draw from the simplicity and emotional depth of 'Your Song'? What role do songs like 'Your Song' play in fostering human connectivity and emotional authenticity in today's fast-paced, often superficial social landscape? Through these questions, we can further appreciate 'Your Song' not just as a musical artifact but as a living conversation piece in the ongoing dialogue between artists and audiences across generations. Got more questions? Our personalized Music Explorer AI assistant is here to help. Click here to start a conversation! [Advertisement] Curious about the deeper messages in your favorite songs? Discover how ANY track relates to positive biblical principles with Music and Scripture GPT from BGodInspired.com. Click here to uncover insights you might not have noticed! [Advertisement] 1970 single by Elton John Not to be confused with Our Song. This article is about the Elton John song. For other uses, see Your Song (disambiguation). "Your Song"One of side-A labels of the US singleSingle by Elton Johnfrom the album Elton John B-side"Take Me to the Pilot""Into the Old Man's Shoes"Released26 October 1970 (1970-10-26)Recorded22 January 1970StudioTrident, LondonGenre Traditional pop[1] soft rock[2] Length4:03Label Uni DJM Songwriter(s) Elton John Bernie Taupin Producer(s)Gus DudgeonElton John singles chronology "From Denver to L.A." (1970) "Your Song" (1970) "Friends" (1971) Audio video"Your Song" on YouTube "Your Song" is a song written by musician Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin, and performed by John. It was John's first international Top 10 chart single. "Your Song" was first released by American rock band Three Dog Night in March 1970 as an album track on It Ain't Easy. John was an opening act for the band at the time and allowed them to record it. They did not release it as a single as they wanted to let John, then an upcoming artist, have a go with it. John's version was recorded at Trident Studios in London in January 1970 and appeared in April as the first cut on his self-titled second studio album. Following "Border Song" as the first album single, "Your Song" was released in the United States in October 1970 as the B-side to "Take Me to the Pilot". Both sides received airplay, but "Your Song" was preferred by disc jockeys and replaced "Take Me to the Pilot" as the A-side, eventually making it to number eight on the Billboard chart. The song also peaked at number 7 on the UK Singles Chart, as well as charting in the top 10 in several other countries. In 1998, "Your Song" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.[3] In 2004, the song was placed at number 136 on Rolling Stone's list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time", 137 in its 2010 list, and 202 in its 2021 list. The song is listed among the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll.[4] A demo version was included in John's 1990 box set album To Be Continued.[5] In 2017, the song was voted by the British public as The Nation's Favourite Elton John Song in a UK-wide poll for ITV.[6] The song has been covered by a number of artists, including Rod Stewart, Lady Gaga and Ellie Goulding. The song was also covered by Ewan McGregor and opera singer Alessandro Safina in the 2001 musical film Moulin Rouge! and by Taron Egerton in the 2019 film Rocketman. In 2024, the song was certified 3× Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).[7] One widespread story is that Bernie Taupin wrote the song's lyrics after breakfast one morning on the roof of 20 Denmark Street, London, where John worked for a music publishing firm as an office boy, hence the line "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss." However, Taupin has denied this, pointing out that John had stopped working there by the time they met. According to Taupin, "I scribbled the lyric down on a lined notepad at the kitchen table of Elton's mother's apartment in the London suburb of Northwood Hills, breakfast time sometime in 1969. That's it. Plain and simple."[8] The instrumental focus is on John's Leon Russell-influenced piano work, along with acoustic guitar, Paul Buckmaster's string accompaniment, and a shuffling rhythm section.[original research?] The lyrics express the romantic thoughts of an innocent person. John sings a straightforward love-song lyric at the beginning: "It's a little bit funny this feeling inside / I'm not one of those who can easily hide / I don't have much money, but boy, if I did / I'd buy a big house where we both could live." At times the self-deprecating narrator stumbles to get out his feelings, which despite being a melodramatic device, AllMusic calls "effective and sweet":[9] According to a journal entry on John's official website, he wrote the music for "Your Song" on Monday, 27 October 1969.[10] "Your Song" was the inspiration for the song "We All Fall in Love Sometimes" on John's 1975 album Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy.[11] The song is performed in the key of E-flat major.[12] "Your Song" was praised by critics upon its release and in subsequent years, and is widely regarded as one of John's greatest songs. Writing in NME on its release, Derek Johnson wrote, "The song itself is glowing and strangely haunting, the scoring is smooth and delicate and the performance is symptomatic of a new era in pop idols."[13] Bill Janovitz from AllMusic described it as a "near-perfect song".[9] In a 1975 interview with Rolling Stone, John Lennon recalled, I remember hearing Elton John's 'Your Song', heard it in America—it was one of Elton's first big hits—and remember thinking, 'Great, that's the first new thing that's happened since we (The Beatles) happened.' It was a step forward. There was something about his vocal that was an improvement on all of the English vocals until then. I was pleased with it."[14] John Mendelsohn from Rolling Stone called the song a "pretty McCartney-esque ballad".[15] In the 2019 book Elton John: Every Album, Every Song – 1969–1979, author Peter Kearns made the following quote in reference to "Your Song". "The words securely insulate themselves against possible criticism by admitting their ineptitude for the task at hand". In 2018, The Guardian ranked the song number four on their list of the 50 greatest Elton John songs,[16] and in 2022, Billboard ranked the song number two on their list of the 75 greatest Elton John songs.[17] "Your Song" rose to number eight on the Billboard Hot 100 and number seven on the UK Singles Chart by January 1971. In 2002, John re-recorded the song as a duet with Safina for the first Sport Relief charity telethon and released it on 15 July 2002; this version reached number four in the UK.[18][19] In the US it was certified Gold and Platinum on 13 December 2012 by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales of over one million digital downloads. On 23 July 2021, it was certified 2× Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), denoting sales in excess of 1,200,000 digital downloads. In the US in April 2018, it was certified 2× Platinum for sales of two million digital downloads by the Recording Industry Association of America. In 2020, Canadian singer-songwriter the Weeknd referenced "Your Song" on his song "Scared to Live". 1970 US 7-inch single "Take Me to the Pilot" – 3:43 "Your Song" – 3:57 1971 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Into the Old Man's Shoes" 1978 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1985 UK 7-inch single "Cry to Heaven" "Candy By the Pound" "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On/I Saw Her Standing There/Twist and Shout" (live) "Your Song" (live) 1987 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" (live) "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" (live) 1992 US 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1999 US CD single "Recover Your Soul" (live) – 4:40 "Your Song" (live) – 4:08 2000 US 12-inch single "We Belong" (S.R.R. mix) by Pat Benatar – 10:39 "Your Song" (Junior's Vasquez mix) – 10:00 2002 US CD single "Your Song" (featuring Alessandro Safina) – 4:19 "Your Song" (instrumental) "Your Song" (video) Credits adapted from the liner notes of Elton John.[20] Elton John – piano, vocals Paul Buckmaster – string arrangement, conducting Frank Clark – acoustic guitar Gus Dudgeon – production Colin Green – guitar Clive Hicks – 12-string guitar Barry Morgan – drums Dave Richmond – double bass Chart (1971) Peakposition Australia (Kent Music Report)[21] 11 Belgium (Ultratop 50 Flanders)[22] 16 Canada Top Singles (RPM)[23] 3 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[24] 4 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 13 Netherlands (Dutch Top 40)[26] 10 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[27] 4 New Zealand (Listener)[28] 18 UK Singles (OCC)[29] 7 US Billboard Hot 100[30] 8 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[31] 9 US Cash Box Top 100[32] 8 Chart (1987) Peakposition UK Singles (OCC)[33] Live 85 Chart (2003) Peakposition US Dance Club Songs (Billboard)[34] 5 Chart (2007) Peakposition Norway (VG-lista)[35] 10 Chart (2012) Peakposition France (SNEP)[36] 159 Chart (2013) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[37] 73 Version with Alessandro Safina Chart (2002) Peakposition Canada (Canadian Singles Chart)[38] 8 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 29 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[39] 88 Romania (Romanian Top 100)[40] 52 Scotland (OCC)[41] 5 UK Singles (OCC)[42] 4 Chart (2010) Peakposition European Hot 100 Singles (Billboard)[43] 11 Chart (1971) Position Canada Top Singles (RPM)[44] 75 US Cash Box Top 100[45] 74 Chart (2002) Position Canada (Nielsen SoundScan)[46]With Alessandro Safina 117 UK Singles (OCC)[47]With Alessandro Safina 149 Certifications for "Your Song" Region Certification Certified units/sales Austria (IFPI Austria)[48] Platinum 100,000* Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[49] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[50] Platinum 90,000‡ Germany (BVMI)[51] Gold 300,000‡ Italy (FIMI)[52] sales since 2009 2× Platinum 200,000‡ Japan (RIAJ)[53] 1996 release Gold 50,000^ New Zealand (RMNZ)[54] 4× Platinum 120,000‡ Spain (PROMUSICAE)[55] 2× Platinum 120,000‡ United Kingdom (BPI)[56] sales since 2008 3× Platinum 1,800,000‡ United States (RIAA)[57] 3× Platinum 3,000,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.^ Shipments figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. John has played "Your Song" at almost every live performance during his solo career, and issued several live versions, including with his band, solo on piano and with orchestra. One notable version was during his Central Park concert in 1980, when John was dressed as Donald Duck. A live version of John's concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, recorded on 14 December 1986, was included in his 1987 album Live in Australia with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He also performed "Your Song" live with Ronan Keating at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 2000, the recording of which can be found on Keating's 2010 album Duet. On 20 October 2001, John performed the song with Billy Joel at The Concert for New York City, a tribute show to the September 11 attacks. In 2004, Daniel Bedingfield performed a cover of the song to Elton John at An Ivor Novello Tribute: Elton John. John performed "Your Song" to open the Concert for Diana on 1 July 2007.[58] John and Lady Gaga performed a medley of "Your Song" with Gaga's song "Speechless" at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards on 31 January 2010.[59] At the 2013 Grammy Awards, Colombian singer Juanes performed a bilingual rendition of "Your Song".[60] Gaga recorded a cover of the song for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[61] Cilla Black covered the song on her 1971 album Images.[62] Soul singer Billy Paul released a version of the song on Philadelphia International in 1972, as the B-side of "Me and Mrs. Jones", then in 1977, which reached number 37 on the UK Singles Chart and spent seven weeks in the top 75.[63] Also in 1972, the song was covered by Finnish band Alwari Tuohitorvi, with Finnish lyrics.[64] In 1973, Mia Martini released an Italian version of the song on her album Il giorno dopo, under the title "Picnic".[citation needed] In 2014, singer Aloe Blacc released "The Man" from his 2014 album Lift Your Spirit and the melody of this album hinges on the melody of this song.[citation needed] In 2018, John starred in the annual Christmas advert of British department store chain John Lewis & Partners, titled "The Boy & the Piano". Set to "Your Song", it featured John reminiscing about his life in reverse, culminating with him receiving a piano for Christmas as a child.[65][66] In December 2021, it was reported that the original plan was for John to sing "Your Song" at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, but the final choice was "Candle in the Wind 1997".[67] "Your Song"Single by Rod Stewartfrom the album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin B-side"Broken Arrow"Released6 April 1992 (1992-04-06)[68]Length4:49LabelWarner Bros.Composer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Trevor HornRod Stewart singles chronology "People Get Ready" (1992) "Your Song" (1992) "Broken Arrow" (1992) English singer and songwriter Rod Stewart covered "Your Song" for the tribute album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin (1991). His version was released in April 1992 as a double A-side single with "Broken Arrow". European CD maxi single and UK 12-inch single "Your Song" – 4:47 "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 "Mandolin Wind" – 5:27 "The First Cut Is the Deepest" – 3:52 UK and French 7-inch single A. "Your Song" – 4:47 AA. "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 Chart (1992) Peakposition Canada Top Singles (RPM)[69] 25 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[70] 23 France (SNEP)[71] 38 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[72] 60 UK Singles (OCC)[73] 41 US Billboard Hot 100[74] 48 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[75] 6 "Your Song"Single by Ellie Gouldingfrom the album Bright Lights Released12 November 2010 (2010-11-12)Recorded2010StudioThe Pool and The Square, LondonGenrePopfolkLength3:10LabelPolydorComposer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Ben LovettEllie Goulding singles chronology "The Writer" (2010) "Your Song" (2010) "Wonderman" (2011) Music video"Your Song" on YouTube English singer and songwriter Ellie Goulding covered "Your Song" for the reissue of her debut studio album, titled Bright Lights. Produced by Ben Lovett of Mumford & Sons, it was released digitally on 12 November 2010 as the re-release's lead single.[76] The song was featured in the Christmas 2010 television advert for department store chain John Lewis.[77] Goulding performed "Your Song" at the reception party of Prince William and Catherine Middleton's wedding at Buckingham Palace on 29 April 2011, to which the couple shared their first dance.[78] She also performed the song on Saturday Night Live on 7 May 2011, along with "Lights".[79] Goulding's version was featured at the end of the 29 July 2011 episode of the Syfy supernatural drama series Haven, titled "Love Machine".[80] Nick Levine of Digital Spy gave the song four out of five stars, commenting that producer Lovett "shrouds her beautifully fluttery vocals in little but piano and strings, just adding a few harmonies towards the finish, allowing her to draw out the tenderness in Bernie Taupin's lyrics and the utter loveliness of one of Elton John's very best melodies. The result is a quiet, modest triumph, but a triumph nonetheless."[81] Caryn Ganz of Spin magazine opined that her cover is "everything Gaga's Grammy version wasn't—a tender, vulnerable gift".[82] AllMusic critic Jon O'Brien, in his review for Bright Lights, called it "unimaginative" and felt that it "sounds out of place alongside the rest of her rather more adventurous material".[83] "Your Song" debuted at number 39 on the UK Singles Chart for the week of 14 November 2010. The single jumped to number three the following week, selling 84,896 copies.[84] In its third week, it climbed to its peak position of number two (behind The X Factor Finalists 2010's cover of David Bowie's "'Heroes'") on sales of 72,292 copies,[85] becoming Goulding's highest-peaking single until 2013.[86] It maintained its position the following week, selling 63,753 units.[87] The song also topped the UK Singles Downloads Chart for the week ending 11 December 2010.[88] The single was certified double platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) on 24 September 2021 and had sold 826,000 copies in the UK by August 2013.[89][90] Elsewhere, "Your Song" reached number four in Austria,[91] number five in Ireland,[25] number 22 in Denmark,[92] number 25 in Sweden[93] and number 56 in Switzerland.[94] The music video, directed by Ben Coughlan and Max Knight,[95] premiered on YouTube on 14 November 2010. Shot in a home video look, it depicts Goulding's life on the road with friends. Areas from Goulding's hometown of Hereford can be seen throughout the video, including Hereford railway station.[96] Digital single[76] "Your Song" – 3:10 Credits adapted from the liner notes of Bright Lights.[97] Ellie Goulding – vocals Matt Lawrence – engineering, mixing Ben Lovett – backing vocals, kick drum, piano, production Ruth de Turberville – backing vocals, cello Matt Wiggins – timpani Chart (2010–14) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[91] 4 Czech Republic (Rádio – Top 100)[98] 63 Denmark (Tracklisten)[92] 22 Euro Digital Song Sales (Billboard)[99] 2 France (SNEP)[100] 126 Germany (GfK)[101] 75 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 5 Scotland (OCC)[102] 2 Sweden (Sverigetopplistan)[93] 25 Switzerland (Schweizer Hitparade)[94] 56 UK Singles (OCC)[86] 2 Chart (2010) Position UK Singles (OCC)[103] 21 Chart (2011) Position UK Singles (OCC)[104] 102 Chart (2013) Position Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[105] 56 Certifications for "Your Song (Ellie Goulding version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[106] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[107] Gold 45,000‡ New Zealand (RMNZ)[108] Gold 15,000‡ Norway (IFPI Norway)[109] Platinum 10,000* United Kingdom (BPI)[89] 2× Platinum 1,300,000[110] United States (RIAA)[111] Gold 500,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. External audio "Your Song" by Lady Gaga on YouTube American singer Lady Gaga recorded a cover of "Your Song" for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[112] It was released digitally as a promotional single on 30 March 2018.[113] Gaga performed the song at The Recording Academy's tribute concert, titled "Elton John: I'm Still Standing – A Grammy Salute", which aired on CBS on 10 April 2018.[114] In April, during the release of Revamp in Japan (there re-titled Your Song: Elton John Best Hits Cover),[115] Lady Gaga's cover of "Your Song" was widely promoted on the country's radio stations, becoming the most played song on Japanese radio in mid-April.[116] The song reached the top thirty in Hungary, Japan, Mexico, the digital downloads chart of Spain and the US Pop Digital Songs chart. Chart (2018) Peakposition France Downloads (SNEP)[117] 31 Hungary (Single Top 40)[118] 18 Italy (Musica e Dischi)[119] 27 Japan (Japan Hot 100) (Billboard)[120] 27 Japan Hot Overseas (Billboard)[116] 3 Mexico Ingles Airplay (Billboard)[121] 30 Scotland (OCC)[122] 79 Spain Downloads (PROMUSICAE)[123] 12 US Pop Digital Songs (Billboard)[121] 21 Certifications for "Your Song (Lady Gaga version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[124] Gold 20,000‡ ‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. ^ Wyman, Bill (24 October 2018). "Elton John Is Not the Man They Think He Is at Home". Vulture. Retrieved 2 April 2019. ^ Hoahing, Cheryl A. (29 March 2019). "Harry Shum Jr. & Shelby Rabara Welcome Their First Child". Inquisitr. Retrieved 2 April 2019. ^ "Grammy Hall of Fame Award" Archived 19 February 2011 at the Wayback Machine. 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(March 2022) (Learn how and when to remove this message) (Learn how and when to remove this message) 7digital Group PlcIndustryB2B Music Technology ServicesFoundedJanuary 2004Headquarters69 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BB, London, United KingdomNumber of locations5Area served20 countries (August 2023)Key peoplePaul Langworthy (CEO) Michael Juskiewicz (CFO) Samantha Sawyer (CCO) Jon Hilbrants (CCO)[1]ServicesWhite-label music solutions, API, music download stores, production, streaming music services, radio services, voucher promotions, loyalty schemesRevenueEUR 6.69 million (2021)OwnerSongtradrNumber of employees70SubsidiariesEntertainment News, Unique The Production Company, Smooth Operations, Unique Interactive, Above The TitleWebsitewww.7digital.com 7digital Group PLC is a British company that offers access to music, tracking and reporting for clients. London-based, 7digital provides end-to-end music services for the fitness, social media, DSPs, and gaming industries with brands such as Barry's and Triller.[2][3] Advertising Age described 7digital (Zdigital in Australia) in 2008 as a British download store,[4] while the New York Times referred to them as a digital music company.[5][6] 7digital's Smooth Operations, Unique Production and Above the Title companies are now branded 7digital Creative, and produce content for BBC Radio 1, Radio 1Xtra, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3.[citation needed] In 2009 HMV bought 50% of 7digital.[7] In 2019, the company replaced their second CEO,[1] Simon Cole,[8] who had replaced founder/CEO Ben Drury.[5] In February 2023, it was announced 7digital had been acquired by the Santa Monica-headquartered B2B music licensing company, Songtradr.[9] Initially their API was used by Guvera, Onkyo, Samsung, BlackBerry, HMV, musical.ly (now TikTok) and Technics. They subsequently partnered with Triller, FORME Life, Soundtrack Your Brand, Global Eagle, Grandpad, Apex Rides, and Fender. 7digital was founded in 2004 by Ben Drury and James Kane[10] as a B2B digital music services company, building music download stores for record labels, brands and other retailers. 7digital Direct to Consumer (D2C) service was launched in 2005. 7digital is backed by technology venture capital firm Balderton Capital (formerly Benchmark Capital Europe). On 28 January 2008, 7digital raised £4.25m in its series B investor round, securing investment from various groups including Sutton Place Managers. The investment was to be used to launch 7digital.com in more European countries and the United States,[11] along with expanding the sites offerings to include downloadable video and computer games.[12] In September 2008, 7digital.com was the first company in Europe to launch DRM-free MP3 downloads with all four major record labels.[13] As of October 2008, 7digital employed 45 people in London and had over 1.3 million registered customers.[14] On 3 August 2009, HMV bought a 50% holding in 7digital from its venture capital owners.[15] In 2011, 7digital expanded with an office in Luxembourg and in early 2012, they expanded to the US with an office in San Francisco, CA.[16] In October 2012, 7digital secured $10 million in funding from two new investors,[17] Dolby and Imagination Technologies.[18] HMV's stake was previously reduced to less than 20%,[19] and following HMV entering into administration, retail restructuring specialists Hilco, are now the holders of these shares. On 25 November 2013, UBC Media announced merger plans with 7digital by way of a reverse takeover.[20][21] The merger was completed in May 2014, forming 7digital Group Plc.[22] The company entered a business relationship with MediaMarktSaturn in 2017, which it ended in 2019, in exchange for a cash payment of €4 million. The end of the partnership led to a need for 7digital to raise capital by the third quarter of 2019 to remain operational. The share price fell in response to these developments, with a loss of 63% on 9 April and further losses on 10 April 2019.[23] 7digital's agnostic platform is used for building products on any type of connected device. Barry's[24] Kuaishou: Kuaishou has multiple short video platforms and live broadcasts apps around the world including Kuaishou, Kuaishou Lite, Kwai, Zynn, and Snack Video[25] Apex Rides: London-based Apex Rides, a smart bike and in-home fitness platform[26] Triller: US-based short-form video sharing app (and TikTok rival)[27] Musical.ly: (May 2016)[28] eMusic: (Jan 2016)[29] Guvera: (July 2014)[30][31] On 10 November 2014, Guvera announced that it had launched its streaming service in India.[32] They shut down in May 2017. Onkyo: (June 2014)[33][34] The Onkyo Music service ceased operation on 6 October 2019.[35] Spanish Broadcasting System: (September 2014)[36] Panasonic: (November 2014)[37] They shut down the Service in 2019.[38] Samsung: for Music Hub version 1.0.[39] Replaced nu by 2.0 and 3.0 dependent on the territory that the handset was designated for. In 2012 with the launch of Samsung Galaxy S3 devices in Europe[40] and North America the Music Hub has begun to include subscription streaming alongside their music downloads. 7digital pre-install is also available on Samsung Galaxy S4.[41] BlackBerry: (initially 2010, then for their OS 7 devices) subsequently for Blackberry 10 users.[42][43] 2012: service to run on their new OS (QNX)[44] 7digital is independent of their business since significant investment they received in 2012. Re-launched in October 2013, HMVdigital.com is a download store.[45] 7digital collaborated with Canonical Ltd. to provide the Ubuntu One Music Store in the Ubuntu Operating System starting from Ubuntu 10.04.[46] On 2 April 2014 Canonical announced the closure of all of the Ubuntu One file services.[47] Spotify users from the UK, France, Norway, Finland, Spain, The Netherlands and Sweden were able to purchase tracks to download (if available) from 7digital in 2009.[48] This was done by right-clicking and selecting the 'Buy From' link. However, Spotify launched their own purchase service during 2011 which replaced 7digital.[49] In October 2014, it was announced that 7digital would work with will.i.am[50] for his new wearable smart device. In November 2014, 7digital partners Technics launched 'Technics Tracks', a new premium Hi-Resolution audio service.[51] Alongside its B2B digital music services business, 7digital offers music tracks direct to consumers in MQA, MP3 320, 256, M4A, 16-bit and 24-bit FLAC audio.[52] The 7digital mobile app has been pre-installed on devices through partnerships with Acer,[53] HTC,[54] Samsung, BlackBerry, Pioneer,[55] HP, Dell, and Sonos. 7digital's Indiestore launched in early 2006 and allowed unsigned artists and independent labels create their own digital music download store for free.[56] The Indiestore was discontinued in 2010.[57] 7digital directs independent artists to work with independent aggregators, where they will be able to service their music to a variety of music retailers.[58] In December 2014, 7digital became the first music platform to adopt Meridian Audio's high-quality MQA format for streaming/downloads.[59] As of July 2015, 7digital operated in 82 countries.[60] On May 19, 2017, 7digital announced the sudden closure of its EU store,[61] though it continued to have stores for some individual European nations. 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Before he hit it big, he worked as a songwriter and studio musician, and for a time was the warm-up act for Three Dog Night, who recorded this song on their 1970 album It Ain't Easy (they had previously recorded Elton's "Lady Samantha"). When it looked like Elton might finally make it in the States with his own version of "Your Song," Three Dog Night chose not to release it as a single in an effort to give this young upstart a chance to make it on his own.Elton's version was released on his second album, but the single did not come out until seven months later, when it was released to promote his tour. Elton issued his third album, Tumbleweed Connection, before the single came out, and by this time he was established enough to have his own hit, thanks in large part to a triumphant run at the Troubadour in Los Angeles in August 1970.This was one of the first songs John wrote with Bernie Taupin. They met after a record company gave John some of Taupin's lyrics to work with. Eventually, they both moved into John's parents' house, where they started working together.The song was written in 1967, when Bernie Taupin was 17 ("hence the extraordinarily virginal sentiments," he has said). Elton has said that this song is not about anyone in particular, so Taupin has refused to reveal the identity of the person - if such person exists - who inspired this song. He explained in a 1989 interview with Music Connection: "It's like the perennial ballad 'Your Song,' which has got to be one of the most naïve and childish lyrics in the entire repertoire of music, but I think the reason it still stands up is because it was real at the time. That was exactly what I was feeling. I was 17 years old and it was coming from someone whose outlook on love or experience with love was totally new and naïve.Now I could never write that song again or emulate it because the songs I write now that talk about love coming from people my age usually deal with broken marriages and where the children go. You have to write from where you are at a particular point in time, and 'Your Song' is exactly where I was coming from back then."Bernie Taupin wrote the words for this song over breakfast at Elton's parents' house, where he was staying. The original lyrics have coffee stains on them."The original lyric was written very rapidly on the kitchen table of Elton's mother's apartment in Northwood Hills in the suburbs of London, if I recall, on a particularly grubby piece of exercise paper," said Taupin.Elton wrote the music in about 20 minutes, as he often did with Taupin's lyrics in their early days. This helped alter the music landscape in the early '70s. After it came out, singer/songwriters like James Taylor and Carole King had a lot of success with heartfelt songs featuring a prominent vocal and a soft piano or guitar.Regarding the place of this song in the Taupin/John canon, Bernie Taupin said: "This one is the one I recall like it was yesterday. The rest of them I'm a little shaky on. In retrospect, and I've said it on several occasions, I see this song as a bookend and its counterpart would be a song like 'Sacrifice.' 'Your Song' being a song about absolute naiveté in love while 'Sacrifice' is the complete opposite, the story of someone who's seen and done it all, as far as love's concerned, and come out the other end scarred but realistic about certain aspects of the real world."This attracted the attention of some heavy hitters in the music industry. Arranger Paul Buckmaster and producer Gus Dudgeon both signed on to work with Elton after hearing this. They played a big part in crafting his songs over the next several years.Elton appeared on US TV for the first time performing this on The Andy Williams Show. He was shy and dressed very plain, which changed a few years later when he became known for his outrageous costumes and flamboyant personality.Elton's 1975 song "We All Fall In Love Sometimes" is about the writing of this song.After hearing this, John Lennon said Elton was "The first new thing that's happened since we (The Beatles) happened." They ended up becoming good friends.Both Elton John and Bernie Taupin agree that this is one of their best efforts. Said Taupin: "I think 'Your Song' is a gem. Our classic, I'm not sure. I'll let others decide that. But it's like an old friend, it means so many things on equally as many levels. It's certainly proved its worth, and I've heard it sung a million times. It's like a good dog, it's always there."Elton performs this at all his concerts. He once said of this song: "I don't think I've written a love song as good since." He has called it "A perfect song," and says that the older he gets, the more the lyrics resonate with him.This was originally released as the B-side of "Take Me To The Pilot."In 1987, John released a live version as a single from his album Live In Australia. It didn't chart, but the next single from the album, "Candle In The Wind," did.Billy Joel performed this with Elton at the 2001 "Concert For New York" to benefit victims of the World Trade Center attacks. It was not included on the CD of the show.This was used in the movie Welcome Home, and also in a commercial for Rimmel Cosmetics.This plays a major role in the 2001 movie Moulin Rouge. It is sung by Ewan McGregor when he presents it as a poem to Nicole Kidman.This was featured in an episode of The Simpsons when Apu gave his wife a present every day of the week leading up to Valentine's Day. This made Homer and the other men of Springfield very upset, and when they heard that Elton John was coming to town, they kidnapped him, thinking he (Elton) was there for Apu. Elton performed this song at the end of the episode with the lyric "This one's from Apu" in place of "This one's for you." >> Suggestion credit: Patrick - Tallapoosa, GA Elton performed this at the "Concert For Diana" on July 1, 2007. It was

the first song in the program. >> Suggestion credit: Donovan Berry - El Dorado, AR Elton re-recorded the song with Italian tenor Alessandro Safina for the Sports Relief charity in 2002. This new version reached #4 in the UK singles chart, out-peaking its original chart position of #7.Elton claims that he doesn't ask Bernie Taupin what his lyrics are about. He told Rolling Stone: "I always thought 'Your Song' was written about one of his girlfriends, and when I asked him that, he just said, 'No it wasn't!' He gets fairly defensive."Elton John had played keyboards on several of the Hollies' tracks, including their hit song "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," and the English band had hoped to record this song themselves. "We knew Reg because he was a staff writer with a music publisher we used. He was writing songs well before he became famous," recalled their guitarist/vocalist Tony Hicks to The Daily Mail June 15, 2013. "One was 'Your Song.' I thought it would be a good one for the Hollies, and asked the publisher for permission to record it. He told me Elton had recorded it himself and it was due to be released in the US. He said, 'But it probably won't happen for him, so wait until it's all over.'"At that time Elton had yet to break into the charts. "Well, it did happen - 'Your Song' became Elton's first big hit," added Hicks, "and one that's unfailingly identified with him. But it so easily could have been Our Song."The soul singer Billy Paul recorded this and released his version as the B-side of his 1972 #1 hit "Me And Mrs. Jones." According to Elton, he didn't know Paul recorded it until he bought the single and loaded it into his jukebox.Eight years after Ellie Goulding covered the tune for a John Lewis Christmas advert, the UK department store chain used Elton John's original version for another seasonal campaign. This time the commercial starts with Elton playing the iconic strains of "Your Song" on his piano before proceeding to look back at his rise from north London schoolboy to rock legend.Bernie Taupin had this to say about writing the song in his 2023 autobiography Scattershot: Life, Music, Elton, and Me:"On Monday morning, October the 27th, 1969 (Elton's mum) Sheila fried up a couple of eggs, slotted in some toast and brewed three cups of tea while I wrote something called 'Your Song.' I don't think it took me more than 10 minutes, but its eventual melodic accompaniment and release would traverse decades, becoming our signature song."Bernie Taupin reflected to Mojo magazine on writing the lyric in just 10 minutes. "I remember it just falling off out onto the page," he said. "It was very reflective of who I was at the time. There were so many things that I hadn't experienced. And I think, ultimately, underneath I will say I'm hardcore romantic. It was just sort of a romantic reminiscences and it seems to have resonated with people over their decades."

Home > Songs > Your Song by Elton John Themes Background Chart Success Composition Video Lyrics "Your Song" is a timeless ballad that captures the sincerity, innocence, and vulnerability of first love. Written by Bernie Taupin and performed by Elton John, the lyrics convey a raw, heartfelt attempt to express deep emotions without grandiosity. The song beautifully frames love not as an elaborate spectacle, but as a simple and genuine sentiment, a theme that resonates universally across generations. "I hope you don't mind, I hope you don't mind That I put down in words..." These iconic lines encapsulate the humility and honesty at the heart of the song. Rather than elaborate declarations, the narrator offers a simple song as a gift — emphasizing that true emotion needs no extravagant display. The lyrics reflect a purity of spirit, portraying love as an offering of the self, modest and profound. This authenticity has helped make "Your Song" an enduring anthem for romantics around the world. The emotional directness of "Your Song" would go on to influence countless singer-songwriters in the 1970s and beyond. Artists like Billy Joel and James Taylor would similarly embrace themes of heartfelt vulnerability in their music, carrying forward the spirit that "Your Song" helped to define. Released in 1970 on Elton John's eponymous second album, "Elton John", "Your Song" marked a turning point in his career. It was one of the first songs written by the legendary partnership between Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin, a collaboration that would go on to define much of Elton's musical legacy. Critics immediately recognized the song's brilliance, with Rolling Stone praising it as a standout track that demonstrated rare songwriting talent. Legend has it that Taupin penned the lyrics over breakfast at Elton's mother's house, handing the scribbled notes to Elton, who quickly composed the melody in about 20 minutes. This almost effortless creation process highlighted the profound chemistry between the two artists. Elton has often spoken about how reading Taupin's lyrics instantly unlocked his musical inspiration — a creative synergy that would last for decades. The simplicity and sincerity of "Your Song" stood in stark contrast to the complex, often theatrical rock ballads that dominated the late '60s. It carved a space for introspective, honest songwriting in popular music, helping to establish Elton John not just as a showman, but as an artist of emotional depth. Upon its release, "Your Song" achieved impressive chart success, climbing to #8 on the Billboard Hot 100 and reaching #7 in the United Kingdom. This success marked Elton John's breakthrough into mainstream stardom and helped propel the album "Elton John" to critical acclaim. Internationally, "Your Song" resonated with audiences worldwide. It became a staple on radio playlists and continues to feature in numerous "greatest songs of all time" lists, including Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs. The song has also been covered by artists such as Ewan McGregor (in Moulin Rouge!) and Lady Gaga, showcasing its versatility and lasting cultural relevance. Beyond the charts, "Your Song" became a defining moment in pop music history, helping to reshape the landscape of singer-songwriter balladry in the early 1970s. Its influence continues to permeate music, with Elton John often closing his concerts with it as a testament to its enduring emotional power. You can explore more detailed chart history on the Billboard website and read its fascinating backstory on Wikipedia. "Your Song" is a masterclass in simplicity and elegance. Its gentle piano-driven melody, accompanied by subtle orchestration, creates an intimate atmosphere that complements the heartfelt lyrics. Elton John's soulful vocal performance imbues the song with warmth and sincerity, inviting listeners into a personal space of reflection and emotion. The song's arrangement is understated yet powerful, allowing the lyrics and melody to take center stage. The interplay between the piano and strings adds depth and texture, enhancing the emotional resonance of the song. The restrained use of instrumentation ensures that the focus remains on the storytelling, making the song feel both personal and universal. "And you can tell everybody this is your song..." The song's production, under the guidance of producer Gus Dudgeon, captures the essence of Elton John's artistry. The recording sessions prioritized authenticity and emotion, resulting in a track that feels both timeless and immediate. The production choices reflect an understanding of the song's emotional core, allowing it to resonate with listeners long after its initial release. The song's enduring appeal lies in its ability to evoke a sense of nostalgia and longing, making it a favorite at weddings, events, and intimate gatherings. Its simplicity and sincerity continue to captivate audiences, proving that sometimes less is more when it comes to conveying deep emotion. The magic of "Your Song" is rooted in its ability to touch the heart while remaining elegantly composed. Its influence on subsequent generations of musicians is undeniable, as it set a benchmark for lyrical honesty and melodic beauty. Explore more about the production techniques used in "Your Song" on Wikipedia. The official music video for "Your Song" captures the essence of Elton John's performance, highlighting the emotional depth of the song. Through its visual storytelling, the video enhances the timeless quality of this classic track. Watch a live performance video here: The lyrics of "Your Song" are an enduring testament to the power of simplicity and sincerity in expressing love. Through its poignant narrative, the song invites listeners to reflect on their own experiences of affection and gratitude. Explore the full lyrics here: View "Your Song" Lyrics on Genius 1970 single by Elton John Not to be confused with Our Song. This article is about the Elton John song. For other uses, see Your Song (disambiguation). "Your Song"One of side-A labels of the US singleSingle by Elton Johnfrom the album Elton John B-side"Take Me to the Pilot""Into the Old Man's Shoes"Released26 October 1970 (1970-10-26)Recorded22 January 1970StudioTrident, LondonGenre Traditional pop[1] soft rock[2] Length4:03Label Uni DJM Songwriter(s) Elton John Bernie Taupin Producer(s)Gus DudgeonElton John singles chronology "From Denver to L.A." (1970) "Your Song" (1970) "Friends" (1971) Audio video"Your Song" on YouTube "Your Song" is a song written by musician Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin, and performed by John. It was John's first international Top 10 chart single. "Your Song" was first released by American rock band Three Dog Night in March 1970 as an album track on It Ain't Easy. John was an opening act for the band at the time and allowed them to record it. They did not release it as a single as they wanted to let John, then an upcoming artist, have a go with it. John's version was recorded at Trident Studios in London in January 1970 and appeared in April as the first cut on his self-titled second studio album. Following "Border Song" as the first album single, "Your Song" was released in the United States in October 1970 as the B-side to "Take Me to the Pilot". Both sides received airplay, but "Your Song" was preferred by disc jockeys and replaced "Take Me to the Pilot" as the A-side, eventually making it to number eight on the Billboard chart. The song also peaked at number 7 on the UK Singles Chart, as well as charting in the top 10 in several other countries. In 1998, "Your Song" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.[3] In 2004, the song was placed at number 136 on Rolling Stone's list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time", 137 in its 2010 list, and 202 in its 2021 list. The song is listed among the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll.[4] A demo version was included in John's 1990 box set album To Be Continued.[5] In 2017, the song was voted by the British public as The Nation's Favourite Elton John Song in a UK-wide poll for ITV.[6] The song has been covered by a number of artists, including Rod Stewart, Lady Gaga and Ellie Goulding. The song was also covered by Ewan McGregor and opera singer Alessandro Safina in the 2001 musical film Moulin Rouge! and by Taron Egerton in the 2019 film Rocketman. In 2024, the song was certified 3× Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).[7] One widespread story is that Bernie Taupin wrote the song's lyrics after breakfast one morning on the roof of 20 Denmark Street, London, where John worked for a music publishing firm as an office boy, hence the line "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss." However, Taupin has denied this, pointing out that John had stopped working there by the time they met. According to Taupin, "I scribbled the lyric down on a lined notepad at the kitchen table of Elton's mother's apartment in the London suburb of Northwood Hills, breakfast time sometime in 1969. That's it. Plain and simple."[8] The instrumental focus is on John's Leon Russell-influenced piano work, along with acoustic guitar, Paul Buckmaster's string accompaniment, and a shuffling rhythm section.[original research?] The lyrics express the romantic thoughts of an innocent person. John sings a straightforward love-song lyric at the beginning: "It's a little bit funny this feeling inside / I'm not one of those who can easily hide / I don't have much money, but boy, if I did / I'd buy a big house where we both could live." At times the self-deprecating narrator stumbles to get out his feelings, which despite being a melodramatic device, AllMusic calls "effective and sweet":[9] According to a journal entry on John's official website, he wrote the music for "Your Song" on Monday, 27 October 1969.[10] "Your Song" was the inspiration for the song "We All Fall in Love Sometimes" on John's 1975 album Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy.[11] The song is performed in the key of E-flat major.[12] "Your Song" was praised by critics upon its release and in subsequent years, and is widely regarded as one of John's greatest songs. Writing in NME on its release, Derek Johnson wrote, "The song itself is glowing and strangely haunting, the scoring is smooth and delicate and the performance is symptomatic of a new era in pop idols."[13] Bill Janovitz from AllMusic described it as a "near-perfect song".[9] In a 1975 interview with Rolling Stone, John Lennon recalled, I remember hearing Elton John's 'Your Song', heard it in America—it was one of Elton's first big hits—and remember thinking, 'Great, that's the first new thing that's happened since we (The Beatles) happened.' It was a step forward. There was something about his vocal that was an improvement on all of the English vocals until then. I was pleased with it."[14] John Mendelsohn from Rolling Stone called the song a "pretty McCartney-esque ballad".[15] In the 2019 book Elton John: Every Album, Every Song – 1969–1979, author Peter Kearns made the following quote in reference to "Your Song". "The words securely insulate themselves against possible criticism by admitting their ineptitude for the task at hand". In 2018, The Guardian ranked the song number four on their list of the 50 greatest Elton John songs,[16] and in 2022, Billboard ranked the song number two on their list of the 75 greatest Elton John songs.[17] "Your Song" rose to number eight on the Billboard Hot 100 and number seven on the UK Singles Chart by January 1971. In 2002, John re-recorded the song as a duet with Safina for the first Sport Relief charity telethon and released it on 15 July 2002; this version reached number four in the UK.[18][19] In the US it was certified Gold and Platinum on 13 December 2012 by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales of over one million digital downloads. On 23 July 2021, it was certified 2× Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), denoting sales in excess of 1,200,000 digital downloads. In the US in April 2018, it was certified 2× Platinum for sales of two million digital downloads by the Recording Industry Association of America. In 2020, Canadian singer-songwriter the Weeknd referenced "Your Song" on his song "Scared to Live". 1970 US 7-inch single "Take Me to the Pilot" – 3:43 "Your Song" – 3:57 1971 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Into the Old Man's Shoes" 1978 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1985 UK 7-inch single "Cry to Heaven" "Candy By the Pound" "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On/I Saw Her Standing There/Twist and Shout" (live) "Your Song" (live) 1987 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" (live) "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" (live) 1992 US 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1999 US CD single "Recover Your Soul" (live) – 4:40 "Your Song" (live) – 4:08 2000 US 12-inch single "We Belong" (S.R.R. mix) by Pat Benatar – 10:39 "Your Song" (Junior's Vasquez mix) – 10:00 2002 US CD single "Your Song" (featuring Alessandro Safina) – 4:19 "Your Song" (instrumental) "Your Song" (video) Credits adapted from the liner notes of Elton John.[20] Elton John – piano, vocals Paul Buckmaster – string arrangement, conducting Frank Clark – acoustic guitar Gus Dudgeon – production Colin Green – guitar Clive Hicks – 12-string guitar Barry Morgan – drums Dave Richmond – double bass Chart (1971) Peakposition Australia (Kent Music Report)[21] 11 Belgium (Ultratop 50 Flanders)[22] 16 Canada Top Singles (RPM)[23] 3 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[24] 4 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 13 Netherlands (Dutch Top 40)[26] 10 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[27] 4 New Zealand (Listener)[28] 18 UK Singles (OCC)[29] 7 US Billboard Hot 100[30] 8 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[31] 9 US Cash Box Top 100[32] 8 Chart (1987) Peakposition UK Singles (OCC)[33] Live 85 Chart (2003) Peakposition US Dance Club Songs (Billboard)[34] 5 Chart (2007) Peakposition Norway (VG-lista)[35] 10 Chart (2012) Peakposition France (SNEP)[36] 159 Chart (2013) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[37] 73 Version with Alessandro Safina Chart (2002) Peakposition Canada (Canadian Singles Chart)[38] 8 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 29 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[39] 88 Romania (Romanian Top 100)[40] 52 Scotland (OCC)[41] 5 UK Singles (OCC)[42] 4 Chart (2010) Peakposition European Hot 100 Singles (Billboard)[43] 11 Chart (1971) Position Canada Top Singles (RPM)[44] 75 US Cash Box Top 100[45] 74 Chart (2002) Position Canada (Nielsen SoundScan)[46]With Alessandro Safina 117 UK Singles (OCC)[47]With Alessandro Safina 149 Certifications for "Your Song" Region Certification Certified units/sales Austria (IFPI Austria)[48] Platinum 100,000* Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[49] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[50] Platinum 90,000‡ Germany (BVMI)[51] Gold 300,000‡ Italy (FIMI)[52] sales since 2009 2× Platinum 200,000‡ Japan (RIAJ)[53] 1996 release Gold 50,000^ New Zealand (RMNZ)[54] 4× Platinum 120,000‡ Spain (PROMUSICAE)[55] 2× Platinum 120,000‡ United Kingdom (BPI)[56] sales since 2008 3× Platinum 1,800,000‡ United States (RIAA)[57] 3× Platinum 3,000,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.^ Shipments figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. John has played "Your Song" at almost every live performance during his solo career, and issued several live versions, including with his band, solo on piano and with orchestra. One notable version was during his Central Park concert in 1980, when John was dressed as Donald Duck. A live version of John's concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, recorded on 14 December 1986, was included in his 1987 album Live in Australia with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He also performed "Your Song" live with Ronan Keating at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 2000, the recording of which can be found on Keating's 2010 album Duet. On 20 October 2001, John performed the song with Billy Joel at The Concert for New York City, a tribute show to the September 11 attacks. In 2004, Daniel Bedingfield performed a cover of the song to Elton John at An Ivor Novello Tribute: Elton John. John performed "Your Song" to open the Concert for Diana on 1 July 2007.[58] John and Lady Gaga performed a medley of "Your Song" with Gaga's song "Speechless" at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards on 31 January 2010.[59] At the 2013 Grammy Awards, Colombian singer Juanes performed a bilingual rendition of "Your Song".[60] Gaga recorded a cover of the song for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[61] Cilla Black covered the song on her 1971 album Images.[62] Soul singer Billy Paul released a version of the song on Philadelphia International in 1972, as the B-side of "Me and Mrs. Jones", then in 1977, which reached number 37 on the UK Singles Chart and spent seven weeks in the top 75.[63] Also in 1972, the song was covered by Finnish band Alwari Tuohitorvi, with Finnish lyrics.[64] In 1973, Mia Martini released an Italian version of the song on her album Il giorno dopo, under the title "Picnic".[citation needed] In 2014, singer Aloe Blacc released "The Man" from his 2014 album Lift Your Spirit and the melody of this album hinges on the melody of this song.[citation needed] In 2018, John starred in the annual Christmas advert of British department store chain John Lewis & Partners, titled "The Boy & the Piano". Set to "Your Song", it featured John reminiscing about his life in reverse, culminating with him receiving a piano for Christmas as a child.[65][66] In December 2021, it was reported that the original plan was for John to sing "Your Song" at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, but the final choice was "Candle in the Wind 1997".[67] "Your Song"Single by Rod Stewartfrom the album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin B-side"Broken Arrow"Released6 April 1992 (1992-04-06)[68]Length4:49LabelWarner Bros.Composer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Trevor HornRod Stewart singles chronology "People Get Ready" (1992) "Your Song" (1992) "Broken Arrow" (1992) English singer and songwriter Rod Stewart covered "Your Song" for the tribute album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin (1991). His version was released in April 1992 as a double A-side single with "Broken Arrow". European CD maxi single and UK 12-inch single "Your Song" – 4:47 "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 "Mandolin Wind" – 5:27 "The First Cut Is the Deepest" – 3:52 UK and French 7-inch single A. "Your Song" – 4:47 AA. "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 Chart (1992) Peakposition Canada Top Singles (RPM)[69] 25 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[70] 23 France (SNEP)[71] 38 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[72] 60 UK Singles (OCC)[73] 41 US Billboard Hot 100[74] 48 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[75] 6 "Your Song"Single by Ellie Gouldingfrom the album Bright Lights Released12 November 2010 (2010-11-12)Recorded2010StudioThe Pool and The Square, LondonGenrePopfolkLength3:10LabelPolydorComposer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Ben LovettEllie Goulding singles chronology "The Writer" (2010) "Your Song" (2010) "Wonderman" (2011) Music video"Your Song" on YouTube English singer and songwriter Ellie Goulding covered "Your Song" for the reissue of her debut studio album, titled Bright Lights. Produced by Ben Lovett of Mumford & Sons, it was released digitally on 12 November 2010 as the re-release's lead single.[76] The song was featured in the Christmas 2010 television advert for department store chain John Lewis.[77] Goulding performed "Your Song" at the reception party of Prince William and Catherine Middleton's wedding at Buckingham Palace on 29 April 2011, to which the couple shared their first dance.[78] She also performed the song on Saturday Night Live on 7 May 2011, along with "Lights".[79] Goulding's version was featured at the end of the 29 July 2011 episode of the Syfy supernatural drama series Haven, titled "Love Machine".[80] Nick Levine of Digital Spy gave the song four out of five stars, commenting that producer Lovett "shrouds her beautifully fluttery vocals in little but piano and strings, just adding a few harmonies towards the finish, allowing her to draw out the tenderness in Bernie Taupin's lyrics and the utter loveliness of one of Elton John's very best melodies. The result is a quiet, modest triumph, but a triumph nonetheless."[81] Caryn Ganz of Spin magazine opined that her cover is "everything Gaga's Grammy version wasn't—a tender, vulnerable gift".[82] AllMusic critic Jon O'Brien, in his review for Bright Lights, called it "unimaginative" and felt that it "sounds out of place alongside the rest of her rather more adventurous material".[83] "Your Song" debuted at number 39 on the UK Singles Chart for the week of 14 November 2010. The single jumped to number three the following week, selling 84,896 copies.[84] In its third week, it climbed to its peak position of number two (behind The X Factor Finalists 2010's cover of David Bowie's "'Heroes'") on sales of 72,292 copies,[85] becoming Goulding's highest-peaking single until 2013.[86] It maintained its position the following week, selling 63,753 units.[87] The song also topped the UK Singles Downloads Chart for the week ending 11 December 2010.[88] The single was certified double platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) on 24 September 2021 and had sold 826,000 copies in the UK by August 2013.[89][90] Elsewhere, "Your Song" reached number four in Austria,[91] number five in Ireland,[25] number 22 in Denmark,[92] number 25 in Sweden[93] and number 56 in Switzerland.[94] The music video, directed by Ben Coughlan and Max Knight,[95] premiered on YouTube on 14 November 2010. Shot in a home video look, it depicts Goulding's life on the road with friends. Areas from Goulding's hometown of Hereford can be seen throughout the video, including Hereford railway station.[96] Digital single[76] "Your Song" – 3:10 Credits adapted from the liner notes of Bright Lights.[97] Ellie Goulding – vocals Matt Lawrence – engineering, mixing Ben Lovett – backing vocals, kick drum, piano, production Ruth de Turberville – backing vocals, cello Matt Wiggins – timpani Chart (2010–14) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[91] 4 Czech Republic (Rádio – Top 100)[98] 63 Denmark (Tracklisten)[92] 22 Euro Digital Song Sales (Billboard)[99] 2 France (SNEP)[100] 126 Germany (GfK)[101] 75 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 5 Scotland (OCC)[102] 2 Sweden (Sverigetopplistan)[93] 25 Switzerland (Schweizer Hitparade)[94] 56 UK Singles (OCC)[86] 2 Chart (2010) Position UK Singles (OCC)[103] 21 Chart (2011) Position UK Singles (OCC)[104] 102 Chart (2013) Position Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[105] 56 Certifications for "Your Song (Ellie Goulding version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[106] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[107] Gold 45,000‡ New Zealand (RMNZ)[108] Gold 15,000‡ Norway (IFPI Norway)[109] Platinum 10,000* United Kingdom (BPI)[89] 2× Platinum 1,300,000[110] United States (RIAA)[111] Gold 500,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. External audio "Your Song" by Lady Gaga on YouTube American singer Lady Gaga recorded a cover of "Your Song" for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[112] It was released digitally as a promotional single on 30 March 2018.[113] Gaga performed the song at The Recording Academy's tribute concert, titled "Elton John: I'm Still Standing – A Grammy Salute", which aired on CBS on 10 April 2018.[114] In April, during the release of Revamp in Japan (there re-titled Your Song: Elton John Best Hits Cover),[115] Lady Gaga's cover of "Your Song" was widely promoted on the country's radio stations, becoming the most played song on Japanese radio in mid-April.[116] The song reached the top thirty in Hungary, Japan, Mexico, the digital downloads chart of Spain and the US Pop Digital Songs chart. Chart (2018) Peakposition France Downloads (SNEP)[117] 31 Hungary (Single Top 40)[118] 18 Italy (Musica e Dischi)[119] 27 Japan (Japan Hot 100) (Billboard)[120] 27 Japan Hot Overseas (Billboard)[116] 3 Mexico Ingles Airplay (Billboard)[121] 30 Scotland (OCC)[122] 79 Spain Downloads (PROMUSICAE)[123] 12 US Pop Digital Songs (Billboard)[121] 21 Certifications for "Your Song (Lady Gaga version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[124] Gold 20,000‡ ‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone.

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(March 2022) (Learn how and when to remove this message) (Learn how and when to remove this message) 7digital Group PlcIndustryB2B Music Technology ServicesFoundedJanuary 2004Headquarters69 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BB, London, United KingdomNumber of locations5Area served20 countries (August 2023)Key peoplePaul Langworthy (CEO) Michael Juskiewicz (CFO) Samantha Sawyer (CCO) Jon Hilbrants (CCO)[1]ServicesWhite-label music solutions, API, music download stores, production, streaming music services, radio services, voucher promotions, loyalty schemesRevenueEUR 6.69 million (2021)OwnerSongtradrNumber of employees70SubsidiariesEntertainment News, Unique The Production Company, Smooth Operations, Unique Interactive, Above The TitleWebsitewww.7digital.com 7digital Group PLC is a British company that offers access to music, tracking and reporting for clients. London-based, 7digital provides end-to-end music services for the fitness, social media, DSPs, and gaming industries with brands such as Barry's and Triller.[2][3] Advertising Age described 7digital (Zdigital in Australia) in 2008 as a British download store,[4] while the New York Times referred to them as a digital music company.[5][6] 7digital's Smooth Operations, Unique Production and Above the Title companies are now branded 7digital Creative, and produce content for BBC Radio 1, Radio 1Xtra, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3.[citation needed] In 2009 HMV bought 50% of 7digital.[7] In 2019, the company replaced their second CEO,[1] Simon Cole,[8] who had replaced founder/CEO Ben Drury.[5] In February 2023, it was announced 7digital had been acquired by the Santa Monica-headquartered B2B music licensing company, Songtradr.[9] Initially their API was used by Guvera, Onkyo, Samsung, BlackBerry, HMV, musical.ly (now TikTok) and Technics. They subsequently partnered with Triller, FORME Life, Soundtrack Your Brand, Global Eagle, Grandpad, Apex Rides, and Fender. 7digital was founded in 2004 by Ben Drury and James Kane[10] as a B2B digital music services company, building music download stores for record labels, brands and other retailers. 7digital Direct to Consumer (D2C) service was launched in 2005. 7digital is backed by technology venture capital firm Balderton Capital (formerly Benchmark Capital Europe). On 28 January 2008, 7digital raised £4.25m in its series B investor round, securing investment from various groups including Sutton Place Managers. The investment was to be used to launch 7digital.com in more European countries and the United States,[11] along with expanding the sites offerings to include downloadable video and computer games.[12] In September 2008, 7digital.com was the first company in Europe to launch DRM-free MP3 downloads with all four major record labels.[13] As of October 2008, 7digital employed 45 people in London and had over 1.3 million registered customers.[14] On 3 August 2009, HMV bought a 50% holding in 7digital from its venture capital owners.[15] In 2011, 7digital expanded with an office in Luxembourg and in early 2012, they expanded to the US with an office in San Francisco, CA.[16] In October 2012, 7digital secured $10 million in funding from two new investors,[17] Dolby and Imagination Technologies.[18] HMV's stake was previously reduced to less than 20%,[19] and following HMV entering into administration, retail restructuring specialists Hilco, are now the holders of these shares. On 25 November 2013, UBC Media announced merger plans with 7digital by way of a reverse takeover.[20][21] The merger was completed in May 2014, forming 7digital Group Plc.[22] The company entered a business relationship with MediaMarktSaturn in 2017, which it ended in 2019, in exchange for a cash payment of €4 million. The end of the partnership led to a need for 7digital to raise capital by the third quarter of 2019 to remain operational. The share price fell in response to these developments, with a loss of 63% on 9 April and further losses on 10 April 2019.[23] 7digital's agnostic platform is used for building products on any type of connected device. Barry's[24] Kuaishou: Kuaishou has multiple short video platforms and live broadcasts apps around the world including Kuaishou, Kuaishou Lite, Kwai, Zynn, and Snack Video[25] Apex Rides: London-based Apex Rides, a smart bike and in-home fitness platform[26] Triller: US-based short-form video sharing app (and TikTok rival)[27] Musical.ly: (May 2016)[28] eMusic: (Jan 2016)[29] Guvera: (July 2014)[30][31] On 10 November 2014, Guvera announced that it had launched its streaming service in India.[32] They shut down in May 2017. Onkyo: (June 2014)[33][34] The Onkyo Music service ceased operation on 6 October 2019.[35] Spanish Broadcasting System: (September 2014)[36] Panasonic: (November 2014)[37] They shut down the Service in 2019.[38] Samsung: for Music Hub version 1.0.[39] Replaced nu by 2.0 and 3.0 dependent on the territory that the handset was designed for. In 2012 with the launch of Samsung Galaxy S3 devices in Europe[40] and North America the Music Hub has begun to include subscription streaming alongside their music downloads. 7digital pre-install is also available on Samsung Galaxy S4.[41] BlackBerry: (initially 2010, then for their OS 7 devices) subsequently for Blackberry 10 users.[42][43] 2012: service to run on their new OS (QNX)[44] 7digital is independent of their business since significant investment they received in 2012. Re-launched in October 2013, HMVdigital.com is a download store.[45] 7digital collaborated with Canonical Ltd. to provide the Ubuntu One Music Store in the Ubuntu Operating System starting from Ubuntu 10.04.[46] On 2 April 2014 Canonical announced the closure of all of the Ubuntu One file services.[47] Spotify users from the UK, France, Norway, Finland, Spain, The Netherlands and Sweden were able to purchase tracks to download (if available) from 7digital in 2009.[48] This was done by right-clicking and selecting the 'Buy From' link. However, Spotify launched their own purchase service during 2011 which replaced 7digital.[49] In October 2014, it was announced that 7digital would work with will.i.am[50] for his new wearable smart device. In November 2014, 7digital partners Technics launched 'Technics Tracks', a new premium Hi-Resolution audio service.[51] Alongside its B2B digital music services business, 7digital offers music tracks direct to consumers in MQA, MP3 320, 256, M4A, 16-bit and 24-bit FLAC audio.[52] The 7digital mobile app has been pre-installed on devices through partnerships with Acer,[53] HTC,[54] Samsung, BlackBerry, Pioneer,[55] HP, Dell, and Sonos. 7digital's Indiestore launched in early 2006 and allowed unsigned artists and independent labels create their own digital music download store for free.[56] The Indiestore was discontinued in 2010.[57] 7digital directs independent artists to work with independent aggregators, where they will be able to service their music to a variety of music retailers.[58] In December 2014, 7digital became the first music platform to adopt Meridian Audio's high-quality MQA format for streaming/downloads.[59] As of July 2015, 7digital operated in 82 countries.[60] On May 19, 2017, 7digital announced the sudden closure of its EU store,[61] though it continued to have stores for some individual European nations. 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1970 single by Elton John Not to be confused with Our Song. This article is about the Elton John song. For other uses, see Your Song (disambiguation). "Your Song"One of side-A labels of the US singleSingle by Elton Johnfrom the album Elton John B-side"Take Me to the Pilot""Into the Old Man's Shoes"Released26 October 1970 (1970-10-26)Recorded22 January 1970StudioTrident, LondonGenre Traditional pop[1] soft rock[2] Length4:03Label Uni DJM Songwriter(s) Elton John Bernie Taupin Producer(s)Gus DudgeonElton John singles chronology "From Denver to L.A." (1970) "Your Song" (1970) "Friends" (1971) Audio video"Your Song" on YouTube "Your Song" is a song written by musician Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin, and performed by John. It was John's first international Top 10 chart single. "Your Song" was first released by American rock band Three Dog Night in March 1970 as an album track on It Ain't Easy. John was an opening act for the band at the time and allowed them to record it. They did not release it as a single as they wanted to let John, then an upcoming artist, have a go with it. John's version was recorded at Trident Studios in London in January 1970 and appeared in April as the first cut on his self-titled second studio album. Following "Border Song" as the first album single, "Your Song" was released in the United States in October 1970 as the B-side to "Take Me to the Pilot". Both sides received airplay, but "Your Song" was preferred by disc jockeys and replaced "Take Me to the Pilot" as the A-side, eventually making it to number eight on the Billboard chart. The song also peaked at number 7 on the UK Singles Chart, as well as charting in the top 10 in several other countries. In 1998, "Your Song" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.[3] In 2004, the song was placed at number 136 on Rolling Stone's list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time", 137 in its 2010 list, and 202 in its 2021 list. The song is listed among the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll.[4] A demo version was included in John's 1990 box set album To Be Continued.[5] In 2017, the song was voted by the British public as The Nation's Favourite Elton John Song in a UK-wide poll for ITV.[6] The song has been covered by a number of artists, including Rod Stewart, Lady Gaga and Ellie Goulding. The song was also covered by Ewan McGregor and opera singer Alessandro Safina in the 2001 musical film Moulin Rouge! and by Taron Egerton in the 2019 film Rocketman. In 2024, the song was certified 3× Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).[7] One widespread story is that Bernie Taupin wrote the song's lyrics after breakfast one morning on the roof of 20 Denmark Street, London, where John worked for a music publishing firm as an office boy, hence the line "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss." However, Taupin has denied this, pointing out that John had stopped working there by the time they met. According to Taupin, "I scribbled the lyric down on a lined notepad at the kitchen table of Elton's mother's apartment in the London suburb of Northwood Hills, breakfast time sometime in 1969. That's it. Plain and simple."[8] The instrumental focus is on John's Leon Russell-influenced piano work, along with acoustic guitar, Paul Buckmaster's string accompaniment, and a shuffling rhythm section.[original research?] The lyrics express the romantic thoughts of an innocent person. John sings a straightforward love-song lyric at the beginning: "It's a little bit funny this feeling inside / I'm not one of those who can easily hide / I don't have much money, but boy, if I did / I'd buy a big house where we both could live." At times the self-deprecating narrator stumbles to get out his feelings, which despite being a melodramatic device, AllMusic calls "effective and sweet":[9] According to a journal entry on John's official website, he wrote the music for "Your Song" on Monday, 27 October 1969.[10] "Your Song" was the inspiration for the song "We All Fall in Love Sometimes" on John's 1975 album Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy.[11] The song is performed in the key of E-flat major.[12] "Your Song" was praised by critics upon its release and in subsequent years, and is widely regarded as one of John's greatest songs. Writing in NME on its release, Derek Johnson wrote, "The song itself is glowing and strangely haunting, the scoring is smooth and delicate and the performance is symptomatic of a new era in pop idols."[13] Bill Janovitz from AllMusic described it as a "near-perfect song".[9] In a 1975 interview with Rolling Stone, John Lennon recalled, I remember hearing Elton John's 'Your Song', heard it in America—it was one of Elton's first big hits—and remember thinking, 'Great, that's the first new thing that's happened since we (The Beatles) happened.' It was a step forward. There was something about his vocal that was an improvement on all of the English vocals until then. I was pleased with it."[14] John Mendelsohn from Rolling Stone called the song a "pretty McCartney-esque ballad".[15] In the 2019 book Elton John: Every Album, Every Song – 1969–1979, author Peter Kearns made the following quote in reference to "Your Song". "The words securely insulate themselves against possible criticism by admitting their ineptitude for the task at hand". In 2018, The Guardian ranked the song number four on their list of the 50 greatest Elton John songs,[16] and in 2022, Billboard ranked the song number two on their list of the 75 greatest Elton John songs.[17] "Your Song" rose to number eight on the Billboard Hot 100 and number seven on the UK Singles Chart by January 1971. In 2002, John re-recorded the song as a duet with Safina for the first Sport Relief charity telethon and released it on 15 July 2002; this version reached number four in the UK.[18][19] In the US it was certified Gold and Platinum on 13 December 2012 by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales of over one million digital downloads. On 23 July 2021, it was certified 2× Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), denoting sales in excess of 1,200,000 digital downloads. In the US in April 2018, it was certified 2× Platinum for sales of two million digital downloads by the Recording Industry Association of America. In 2020, Canadian singer-songwriter the Weeknd referenced "Your Song" on his song "Scared to Live". 1970 US 7-inch single "Take Me to the Pilot" – 3:43 "Your Song" – 3:57 1971 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Into the Old Man's Shoes" 1978 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1985 UK 7-inch single "Cry to Heaven" "Candy By the Pound" "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On/I Saw Her Standing There/Twist and Shout" (live) "Your Song" (live) 1987 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" (live) "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" (live) 1992 US 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1999 US CD single "Recover Your Soul" (live) – 4:40 "Your Song" (live) – 4:08 2000 US 12-inch single "We Belong" (S.R.R. mix) by Pat Benatar – 10:39 "Your Song" (Junior's Vasquez mix) – 10:00 2002 US CD single "Your Song" (featuring Alessandro Safina) – 4:19 "Your Song" (instrumental) "Your Song" (video) Credits adapted from the liner notes of Elton John.[20] Elton John – piano, vocals Paul Buckmaster – string arrangement, conducting Frank Clark – acoustic guitar Gus Dudgeon – production Colin Green – guitar Clive Hicks – 12-string guitar Barry Morgan – drums Dave Richmond – double bass Chart (1971) Peakposition Australia (Kent Music Report)[21] 11 Belgium (Ultratop 50 Flanders)[22] 16 Canada Top Singles (RPM)[23] 3 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[24] 4 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 13 Netherlands (Dutch Top 40)[26] 10 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[27] 4 New Zealand (Listener)[28] 18 UK Singles (OCC)[29] 7 US Billboard Hot 100[30] 8 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[31] 9 US Cash Box Top 100[32] 8 Chart (1987) Peakposition UK Singles (OCC)[33] Live 85 Chart (2003) Peakposition US Dance Club Songs (Billboard)[34] 5 Chart (2007) Peakposition Norway (VG-lista)[35] 10 Chart (2012) Peakposition France (SNEP)[36] 159 Chart (2013) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[37] 73 Version with Alessandro Safina Chart (2002) Peakposition Canada (Canadian Singles Chart)[38] 8 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 29 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[39] 88 Romania (Romanian Top 100)[40] 52 Scotland (OCC)[41] 5 UK Singles (OCC)[42] 4 Chart (2010) Peakposition European Hot 100 Singles (Billboard)[43] 11 Chart (1971) Position Canada Top Singles (RPM)[44] 75 US Cash Box Top 100[45] 74 Chart (2002) Position Canada (Nielsen SoundScan)[46]With Alessandro Safina 117 UK Singles (OCC)[47]With Alessandro Safina 149 Certifications for "Your Song" Region Certification Certified units/sales Austria (IFPI Austria)[48] Platinum 100,000* Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[49] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[50] Platinum 90,000‡ Germany (BVMI)[51] Gold 300,000‡ Italy (FIMI)[52] sales since 2009 2× Platinum 200,000‡ Japan (RIAJ)[53] 1996 release Gold 50,000^ New Zealand (RMNZ)[54] 4× Platinum 120,000‡ Spain (PROMUSICAE)[55] 2× Platinum 120,000‡ United Kingdom (BPI)[56] sales since 2008 3× Platinum 1,800,000‡ United States (RIAA)[57] 3× Platinum 3,000,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.^ Shipments figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. John has played "Your Song" at almost every live performance during his solo career, and issued several live versions, including with his band, solo on piano and with orchestra. One notable version was during his Central Park concert in 1980, when John was dressed as Donald Duck. A live version of John's concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, recorded on 14 December 1986, was included in his 1987 album Live in Australia with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He also performed "Your Song" live with Ronan Keating at Madison Square Garden, New York, in 2000, the recording of which can be found on Keating's 2010 album Duet. On 20 October 2001, John performed the song with Billy Joel at The Concert for New York City, a tribute show to the September 11 attacks. In 2004, Daniel Bedingfield performed a cover of the song to Elton John at An Ivor Novello Tribute: Elton John. John performed "Your Song" to open the Concert for Diana on 1 July 2007.[58] John and Lady Gaga performed a medley of "Your Song" with Gaga's song "Speechless" at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards on 31 January 2010.[59] At the 2013 Grammy Awards, Colombian singer Juanes performed a bilingual rendition of "Your Song".[60] Gaga recorded a cover of the song for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[61] Cilla Black covered the song on her 1971 album Images.[62] Soul singer Billy Paul released a version of the song on Philadelphia International in 1972, as the B-side of "Me and Mrs. Jones", then in 1977, which reached number 37 on the UK Singles Chart and spent seven weeks in the top 75.[63] Also in 1972, the song was covered by Finnish band Alwari Tuohitorvi, with Finnish lyrics.[64] In 1973, Mia Martini released an Italian version of the song on her album Il giorno dopo, under the title "Picnic".[citation needed] In 2014, singer Aloe Blacc released "The Man" from his 2014 album Lift Your Spirit and the melody of this album hinges on the melody of this song.[citation needed] In 2018, John starred in the annual Christmas advert of British department store chain John Lewis & Partners, titled "The Boy & the Piano". Set to "Your Song", it featured John reminiscing about his life in reverse, culminating with him receiving a piano for Christmas as a child.[65][66] In December 2021, it was reported that the original plan was for John to sing "Your Song" at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, but the final choice was "Candle in the Wind 1997".[67] "Your Song"Single by Rod Stewartfrom the album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin B-side"Broken Arrow"Released6 April 1992 (1992-04-06)[68]Length4:49LabelWarner Bros.Composer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Trevor HornRod Stewart singles chronology "People Get Ready" (1992) "Your Song" (1992) "Broken Arrow" (1992) English singer and songwriter Rod Stewart covered "Your Song" for the tribute album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin (1991). His version was released in April 1992 as a double A-side single with "Broken Arrow". European CD maxi single and UK 12-inch single "Your Song" – 4:47 "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 "Mandolin Wind" – 5:27 "The First Cut Is the Deepest" – 3:52 UK and French 7-inch single A. "Your Song" – 4:47 AA. "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 Chart (1992) Peakposition Canada Top Singles (RPM)[69] 25 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[70] 23 France (SNEP)[71] 38 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[72] 60 UK Singles (OCC)[73] 41 US Billboard Hot 100[74] 48 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[75] 6 "Your Song"Single by Ellie Gouldingfrom the album Bright Lights Released12 November 2010 (2010-11-12)Recorded2010StudioThe Pool and The Square, LondonGenrePopfolkLength3:10LabelPolydorComposer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Ben LovettEllie Goulding singles chronology "The Writer" (2010) "Your Song" (2010) "Wonderman" (2011) Music video"Your Song" on YouTube English singer and songwriter Ellie Goulding covered "Your Song" for the reissue of her debut studio album, titled Bright Lights. Produced by Ben Lovett of Mumford & Sons, it was released digitally on 12 November 2010 as the re-release's lead single.[76] The song was featured in the Christmas 2010 television advert for department store

chain John Lewis.[77] Goulding performed "Your Song" at the reception party of Prince William and Catherine Middleton's wedding at Buckingham Palace on 29 April 2011, to which the couple shared their first dance.[78] She also performed the song on Saturday Night Live on 7 May 2011, along with "Lights".[79] Goulding's version was featured at
the end of the 29 July 2011 episode of the Syfy supernatural drama series Haven, titled "Love Machine".[80] Nick Levine of Digital Spy gave the song four out of five stars, commenting that producer Lovett "shrouds her beautifully fluttery vocals in little but piano and strings, just adding a few harmonies towards the finish, allowing her to draw out the
tenderness in Bernie Taupin's lyrics and the utter loveliness of one of Elton John's very best melodies. The result is a quiet, modest triumph, but a triumph nonetheless."[81] Caryn Ganz of Spin magazine opined that her cover is "everything Gaga's Grammy version wasn't—a tender, vulnerable gift".[82] AllMusic critic Jon O'Brien, in his review for
Bright Lights, called it "unimaginative" and felt that it "sounds out of place alongside the rest of her rather more adventurous material".[83] "Your Song" debuted at number 39 on the UK Singles Chart for the week of 14 November 2010. The single jumped to number three the following week, selling 84,896 copies.[84] In its third week, it climbed to
its peak position of number two (behind The X Factor Finalists 2010's cover of David Bowie's "'Heroes'") on sales of 72,292 copies,[85] becoming Goulding's highest-peaking single until 2013.[86] It maintained its position the following week, selling 63,753 units.[87] The song also topped the UK Singles Downloads Chart for the week ending 11
December 2010.[88] The single was certified double platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) on 24 September 2021 and had sold 826,000 copies in the UK by August 2013.[89][90] Elsewhere, "Your Song" reached number four in Austria,[91] number five in Ireland,[25] number 22 in Denmark,[92] number 25 in Sweden[93] and number 56
in Switzerland.[94] The music video, directed by Ben Coughlan and Max Knight,[95] premiered on YouTube on 14 November 2010. Shot in a home video look, it depicts Goulding's life on the road with friends. Areas from Goulding's hometown of Hereford can be seen throughout the video, including Hereford railway station.[96] Digital single[76]
"Your Song" – 3:10 Credits adapted from the liner notes of Bright Lights.[97] Ellie Goulding – vocals Matt Lawrence – engineering, mixing Ben Lovett – backing vocals, kick drum, piano, production Ruth de Turberville – backing vocals, cello Matt Wiggins – timpani Chart (2010–14) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[91] 4 Czech Republic (Rádio –
Top 100)[98] 63 Denmark (Tracklisten)[92] 22 Euro Digital Song Sales (Billboard)[99] 2 France (SNEP)[100] 126 Germany (GfK)[101] 75 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 5 Scotland (OCC)[102] 2 Sweden (Sverigetopplistan)[93] 25 Switzerland (Schweizer Hitparade)[94] 56 UK Singles (OCC)[86] 2 Chart (2010) Position UK Singles (OCC)[103] 21 Chart (2011)
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Platinum 10,000* United Kingdom (BPI)[89] 2× Platinum 1,300,000[110] United States (RIAA)[111] Gold 500,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. External audio "Your Song" by Lady Gaga on YouTube American singer Lady Gaga recorded a cover of "Your Song" for the 2018 tribute
album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[112] It was released digitally as a promotional single on 30 March 2018.[113] Gaga performed the song at The Recording Academy's tribute concert, titled "Elton John: I'm Still Standing – A Grammy Salute", which aired on CBS on 10 April 2018.[114] In April, during the release of
Revamp in Japan (there re-titled Your Song: Elton John Best Hits Cover),[115] Lady Gaga's cover of "Your Song" was widely promoted on the country's radio stations, becoming the most played song on Japanese radio in mid-April.[116] The song reached the top thirty in Hungary, Japan, Mexico, the digital downloads chart of Spain and the US Pop
Digital Songs chart. Chart (2018) Peakposition France Downloads (SNEP)[117] 31 Hungary (Single Top 40)[118] 18 Italy (Musica e Dischi)[119] 27 Japan (Japan Hot 100) (Billboard)[120] 27 Japan Hot Overseas (Billboard)[116] 3 Mexico Ingles Airplay (Billboard)[121] 30 Scotland (OCC)[122] 79 Spain Downloads (PROMUSICAE)[123] 12 US Pop
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2023)Key peoplePaul Langworthy (CEO) Michael Juskiewicz (CFO) Samantha Sawyer (CCO) Jon Hilbrants (CCO)[1]ServicesWhite-label music solutions, API, music download stores, production, streaming music services, radio services, voucher promotions, loyalty schemesRevenueEUR 6.69 million (2021)OwnerSongtradrNumber of
employees70SubsidiariesEntertainment News, Unique The Production Company, Smooth Operations, Unique Interactive, Above The TitleWebsitewww.7digital.com 7digital Group PLC is a British company that offers access to music, tracking and reporting for clients. London-based, 7digital provides end-to-end music services for the fitness, social
media, DSPs, and gaming industries with brands such as Barry's and Triller.[2][3] Advertising Age described 7digital (Zdigital in Australia) in 2008 as a British download store,[4] while the New York Times referred to them as a digital music company.[5][6] 7digital's Smooth Operations, Unique Production and Above the Title companies are now
branded 7digital Creative, and produce content for BBC Radio 1, Radio 1Xtra, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3.[citation needed] In 2009 HMV bought 50% of 7digital.[7] In 2019, the company replaced their second CEO,[1] Simon Cole,[8] who had replaced founder/CEO Ben Drury.[5] In February 2023, it was announced 7digital had been acquired by
the Santa Monica-headquartered B2B music licensing company, Songtradr.[9] Initially their API was used by Guvera, Onkyo, Samsung, BlackBerry, HMV, musical.ly (now TikTok) and Technics. They subsequently partnered with Triller, FORME Life, Soundtrack Your Brand, Global Eagle, Grandpad, Apex Rides, and Fender. 7digital was founded in
2004 by Ben Drury and James Kane[10] as a B2B digital music services company, building music download stores for record labels, brands and other retailers. 7digital Direct to Consumer (D2C) service was launched in 2005. 7digital is backed by technology venture capital firm Balderton Capital (formerly Benchmark Capital Europe). On 28 January
2008, 7digital raised £4.25m in its series B investor round, securing investment from various groups including Sutton Place Managers. The investment was to be used to launch 7digital.com in more European countries and the United States,[11] along with expanding the sites offerings to include downloadable video and computer games.[12] In
September 2008, 7digital.com was the first company in Europe to launch DRM-free MP3 downloads with all four major record labels.[13] As of October 2008, 7digital employed 45 people in London and had over 1.3 million registered customers.[14] On 3 August 2009, HMV bought a 50% holding in 7digital from its venture capital owners.[15] In 2011,
7digital expanded with an office in Luxembourg and in early 2012, they expanded to the US with an office in San Francisco, CA.[16] In October 2012, 7digital secured $10 million in funding from two new investors,[17] Dolby and Imagination Technologies.[18] HMV's stake was previously reduced to less than 20%,[19] and following HMV entering into
administration, retail restructuring specialists Hilco, are now the holders of these shares. On 25 November 2013, UBC Media announced merger plans with 7digital by way of a reverse takeover.[20][21] The merger was completed in May 2014, forming 7digital Group Plc.[22] The company entered a business relationship with MediaMarktSaturn in
2017, which it ended in 2019, in exchange for a cash payment of €4 million. The end of the partnership led to a need for 7digital to raise capital by the third quarter of 2019 to remain operational. The share price fell in response to these developments, with a loss of 63% on 9 April and further losses on 10 April 2019.[23] 7digital's agnostic platform is
used for building products on any type of connected device. Barry's[24] Kuaishou: Kuaishou has multiple short video platforms and live broadcasts apps around the world including Kuaishou, Kuaishou Lite, Kwai, Zynn, and Snack Video[25] Apex Rides: London-based Apex Rides, a smart bike and in-home fitness platform[26] Triller: US-based short-
form video sharing app (and TikTok rival)[27] Musical.ly: (May 2016)[28] eMusic: (Jan 2016)[29] Guvera: (July 2014)[30][31] On 10 November 2014, Guvera announced that it had launched its streaming service in India.[32] They shut down in May 2017. Onkyo: (June 2014)[33][34] The Onkyo Music service ceased operation on 6 October 2019.[35]
Spanish Broadcasting System: (September 2014)[36] Panasonic: (November 2014)[37] They shut down the Service in 2019.[38] Samsung: for Music Hub version 1.0.[39] Replaced nu by 2.0 and 3.0 dependent on the territory that the handset was designated for. In 2012 with the launch of Samsung Galaxy S3 devices in Europe[40] and North America
the Music Hub has begun to include subscription streaming alongside their music downloads. 7digital pre-install is also available on Samsung Galaxy S4.[41] BlackBerry: (initially 2010, then for their OS 7 devices) subsequently for Blackberry 10 users.[42][43] 2012: service to run on their new OS (QNX)[44] 7digital is independent of their business
since significant investment they received in 2012. Re-launched in October 2013, HMVdigital.com is a download store.[45] 7digital collaborated with Canonical Ltd. to provide the Ubuntu One Music Store in the Ubuntu Operating System starting from Ubuntu 10.04.[46] On 2 April 2014 Canonical announced the closure of all of the Ubuntu One file
services.[47] Spotify users from the UK, France, Norway, Finland, Spain, The Netherlands and Sweden were able to purchase tracks to download (if available) from 7digital in 2009.[48] This was done by right-clicking and selecting the 'Buy From' link. However, Spotify launched their own purchase service during 2011 which replaced 7digital.[49] In
October 2014, it was announced that 7digital would work with will.i.am[50] for his new wearable smart device. In November 2014, 7digital partners Technics launched 'Technics Tracks', a new premium Hi-Resolution audio service.[51] Alongside its B2B digital music services business, 7digital offers music tracks direct to consumers in MQA, MP3 320,
256, M4A, 16-bit and 24-bit FLAC audio.[52] The 7digital mobile app has been pre-installed on devices through partnerships with Acer,[53] HTC,[54] Samsung, BlackBerry, Pioneer,[55] HP, Dell, and Sonos. 7digital's Indiestore launched in early 2006 and allowed unsigned artists and independent labels create their own digital music download store
for free.[56] The Indiestore was discontinued in 2010.[57] 7digital directs independent artists to work with independent aggregators, where they will be able to service their music to a variety of music retailers.[58] In December 2014, 7digital became the first music platform to adopt Meridian Audio's high-quality MQA format for
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Man's Shoes"Released26 October 1970 (1970-10-26)Recorded22 January 1970StudioTrident, LondonGenre Traditional pop[1] soft rock[2] Length4:03Label Uni DJM Songwriter(s) Elton John Bernie Taupin Producer(s)Gus DudgeonElton John singles chronology "From Denver to L.A." (1970) "Your Song" (1970) "Friends" (1971) Audio video"Your Song"
on YouTube "Your Song" is a song written by musician Elton John and lyricist Bernie Taupin, and performed by John. It was John's first international Top 10 chart single. "Your Song" was first released by American rock band Three Dog Night in March 1970 as an album track on It Ain't Easy. John was an opening act for the band at the time and
allowed them to record it. They did not release it as a single as they wanted to let John, then an upcoming artist, have a go with it. John's version was recorded at Trident Studios in London in January 1970 and appeared in April as the first cut on his self-titled second studio album. Following "Border Song" as the first album single, "Your Song" was
released in the United States in October 1970 as the B-side to "Take Me to the Pilot". Both sides received airplay, but "Your Song" was preferred by disc jockeys and replaced "Take Me to the Pilot" as the A-side, eventually making it to number eight on the Billboard chart. The song also peaked at number 7 on the UK Singles Chart, as well as charting
in the top 10 in several other countries. In 1998, "Your Song" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.[3] In 2004, the song was placed at number 136 on Rolling Stone's list of "The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time", 137 in its 2010 list, and 202 in its 2021 list. The song is listed among the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock
and Roll.[4] A demo version was included in John's 1990 box set album To Be Continued.[5] In 2017, the song was voted by the British public as The Nation's Favourite Elton John Song in a UK-wide poll for ITV.[6] The song has been covered by a number of artists, including Rod Stewart, Lady Gaga and Ellie Goulding. The song was also covered by
Ewan McGregor and opera singer Alessandro Safina in the 2001 musical film Moulin Rouge! and by Taron Egerton in the 2019 film Rocketman. In 2024, the song was certified 3× Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).[7] One widespread story is that Bernie Taupin wrote the song's lyrics after breakfast one morning on the
roof of 20 Denmark Street, London, where John worked for a music publishing firm as an office boy, hence the line "I sat on the roof and kicked off the moss." However, Taupin has denied this, pointing out that John had stopped working there by the time they met. According to Taupin, "I scribbled the lyric down on a lined notepad at the kitchen table
of Elton's mother's apartment in the London suburb of Northwood Hills, breakfast time sometime in 1969. That’s it. Plain and simple."[8] The instrumental focus is on John's Leon Russell-influenced piano work, along with acoustic guitar, Paul Buckmaster's string accompaniment, and a shuffling rhythm section.[original research?] The lyrics express
the romantic thoughts of an innocent person. John sings a straightforward love-song lyric at the beginning: "It's a little bit funny this feeling inside / I'm not one of those who can easily hide / I don't have much money, but boy, if I did / I'd buy a big house where we both could live." At times the self-deprecating narrator stumbles to get out his feelings,
which despite being a melodramatic device, AllMusic calls "effective and sweet":[9] According to a journal entry on John's official website, he wrote the music for "Your Song" on Monday, 27 October 1969.[10] "Your Song" was the inspiration for the song "We All Fall in Love Sometimes" on John's 1975 album Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt
Cowboy.[11] The song is performed in the key of E-flat major.[12] "Your Song" was praised by critics upon its release and in subsequent years, and is widely regarded as one of John's greatest songs. Writing in NME on its release, Derek Johnson wrote, "The song itself is glowing and strangely haunting, the scoring is smooth and delicate and the
performance is symptomatic of a new era in pop idols."[13] Bill Janovitz from AllMusic described it as a "near-perfect song".[9] In a 1975 interview with Rolling Stone, John Lennon recalled, I remember hearing Elton John's 'Your Song', heard it in America—it was one of Elton's first big hits—and remember thinking, 'Great, that's the first new thing
that's happened since we (The Beatles) happened.' It was a step forward. There was something about his vocal that was an improvement on all of the English vocals until then. I was pleased with it."[14] John Mendelsohn from Rolling Stone called the song a "pretty McCartney-esque ballad".[15] In the 2019 book Elton John: Every Album, Every Song –
1969–1979, author Peter Kearns made the following quote in reference to "Your Song". "The words securely insulate themselves against possible criticism by admitting their ineptitude for the task at hand". In 2018, The Guardian ranked the song number four on their list of the 50 greatest Elton John songs,[16] and in 2022, Billboard ranked the song
number two on their list of the 75 greatest Elton John songs.[17] "Your Song" rose to number eight on the Billboard Hot 100 and number seven on the UK Singles Chart by January 1971. In 2002, John re-recorded the song as a duet with Safina for the first Sport Relief charity telethon and released it on 15 July 2002; this version reached number four
in the UK.[18][19] In the US it was certified Gold and Platinum on 13 December 2012 by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for sales of over one million digital downloads. On 23 July 2021, it was certified 2× Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI), denoting sales in excess of 1,200,000 digital downloads. In the US in
April 2018, it was certified 2× Platinum for sales of two million digital downloads by the Recording Industry Association of America. In 2020, Canadian singer-songwriter the Weeknd referenced "Your Song" on his song "Scared to Live". 1970 US 7-inch single "Take Me to the Pilot" – 3:43 "Your Song" – 3:57 1971 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Into the
Old Man's Shoes" 1978 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" "Border Song" 1985 UK 7-inch single "Cry to Heaven" "Candy By the Pound" "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On/I Saw Her Standing There/Twist and Shout" (live) "Your Song" (live) 1987 UK 7-inch single "Your Song" (live) "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" (live) 1992 US 7-inch single "Your Song"
"Border Song" 1999 US CD single "Recover Your Soul" (live) – 4:40 "Your Song" (live) – 4:08 2000 US 12-inch single "We Belong" (S.R.R. mix) by Pat Benatar – 10:39 "Your Song" (Junior's Vasquez mix) – 10:00 2002 US CD single "Your Song" (featuring Alessandro Safina) – 4:19 "Your Song" (instrumental) "Your Song" (video) Credits adapted from the
liner notes of Elton John.[20] Elton John – piano, vocals Paul Buckmaster – string arrangement, conducting Frank Clark – acoustic guitar Gus Dudgeon – production Colin Green – guitar Clive Hicks – 12-string guitar Barry Morgan – drums Dave Richmond – double bass Chart (1971) Peakposition Australia (Kent Music Report)[21] 11 Belgium (Ultratop
50 Flanders)[22] 16 Canada Top Singles (RPM)[23] 3 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[24] 4 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 13 Netherlands (Dutch Top 40)[26] 10 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[27] 4 New Zealand (Listener)[28] 18 UK Singles (OCC)[29] 7 US Billboard Hot 100[30] 8 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[31] 9 US Cash Box Top 100[32] 8 Chart
(1987) Peakposition UK Singles (OCC)[33] Live 85 Chart (2003) Peakposition US Dance Club Songs (Billboard)[34] 5 Chart (2007) Peakposition Norway (VG-lista)[35] 10 Chart (2012) Peakposition France (SNEP)[36] 159 Chart (2013) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[37] 73 Version with Alessandro Safina Chart (2002) Peakposition Canada
(Canadian Singles Chart)[38] 8 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 29 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[39] 88 Romania (Romanian Top 100)[40] 52 Scotland (OCC)[41] 5 UK Singles (OCC)[42] 4 Chart (2010) Peakposition European Hot 100 Singles (Billboard)[43] 11 Chart (1971) Position Canada Top Singles (RPM)[44] 75 US Cash Box Top 100[45] 74 Chart (2002)
Position Canada (Nielsen SoundScan)[46]With Alessandro Safina 117 UK Singles (OCC)[47]With Alessandro Safina 149 Certifications for "Your Song" Region Certification Certified units/sales Austria (IFPI Austria)[48] Platinum 100,000* Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[49] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[50] Platinum 90,000‡ Germany (BVMI)[51]
Gold 300,000‡ Italy (FIMI)[52] sales since 2009 2× Platinum 200,000‡ Japan (RIAJ)[53] 1996 release Gold 50,000^ New Zealand (RMNZ)[54] 4× Platinum 120,000‡ Spain (PROMUSICAE)[55] 2× Platinum 120,000‡ United Kingdom (BPI)[56] sales since 2008 3× Platinum 1,800,000‡ United States (RIAA)[57] 3× Platinum 3,000,000‡ * Sales figures
based on certification alone.^ Shipments figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. John has played "Your Song" at almost every live performance during his solo career, and issued several live versions, including with his band, solo on piano and with orchestra. One notable version was during his
Central Park concert in 1980, when John was dressed as Donald Duck. A live version of John's concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, recorded on 14 December 1986, was included in his 1987 album Live in Australia with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. He also performed "Your Song" live with Ronan Keating at Madison Square
Garden, New York, in 2000, the recording of which can be found on Keating's 2010 album Duet. On 20 October 2001, John performed the song with Billy Joel at The Concert for New York City, a tribute show to the September 11 attacks. In 2004, Daniel Bedingfield performed a cover of the song to Elton John at An Ivor Novello Tribute: Elton John.
John performed "Your Song" to open the Concert for Diana on 1 July 2007.[58] John and Lady Gaga performed a medley of "Your Song" with Gaga's song "Speechless" at the 52nd Annual Grammy Awards on 31 January 2010.[59] At the 2013 Grammy Awards, Colombian singer Juanes performed a bilingual rendition of "Your Song".[60] Gaga recorded
a cover of the song for the 2018 tribute album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[61] Cilla Black covered the song on her 1971 album Images.[62] Soul singer Billy Paul released a version of the song on Philadelphia International in 1972, as the B-side of "Me and Mrs. Jones", then in 1977, which reached number 37 on the
UK Singles Chart and spent seven weeks in the top 75.[63] Also in 1972, the song was covered by Finnish band Alwari Tuohitorvi, with Finnish lyrics.[64] In 1973, Mia Martini released an Italian version of the song on her album Il giorno dopo, under the title "Picnic".[citation needed] In 2014, singer Aloe Blacc released "The Man" from his 2014 album
Lift Your Spirit and the melody of this album hinges on the melody of this song.[citation needed] In 2018, John starred in the annual Christmas advert of British department store chain John Lewis & Partners, titled "The Boy & the Piano". Set to "Your Song", it featured John reminiscing about his life in reverse, culminating with him receiving a piano
for Christmas as a child.[65][66] In December 2021, it was reported that the original plan was for John to sing "Your Song" at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, but the final choice was "Candle in the Wind 1997".[67] "Your Song"Single by Rod Stewartfrom the album Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin B-
side"Broken Arrow"Released6 April 1992 (1992-04-06)[68]Length4:49LabelWarner Bros.Composer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Trevor HornRod Stewart singles chronology "People Get Ready" (1992) "Your Song" (1992) "Broken Arrow" (1992) English singer and songwriter Rod Stewart covered "Your Song" for the tribute album
Two Rooms: Celebrating the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin (1991). His version was released in April 1992 as a double A-side single with "Broken Arrow". European CD maxi single and UK 12-inch single "Your Song" – 4:47 "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 "Mandolin Wind" – 5:27 "The First Cut Is the Deepest" – 3:52 UK and French 7-inch single A. "Your
Song" – 4:47 AA. "Broken Arrow" – 4:11 Chart (1992) Peakposition Canada Top Singles (RPM)[69] 25 Canada Adult Contemporary (RPM)[70] 23 France (SNEP)[71] 38 Netherlands (Single Top 100)[72] 60 UK Singles (OCC)[73] 41 US Billboard Hot 100[74] 48 US Adult Contemporary (Billboard)[75] 6 "Your Song"Single by Ellie Gouldingfrom the
album Bright Lights Released12 November 2010 (2010-11-12)Recorded2010StudioThe Pool and The Square, LondonGenrePopfolkLength3:10LabelPolydorComposer(s)Elton JohnLyricist(s)Bernie TaupinProducer(s)Ben LovettEllie Goulding singles chronology "The Writer" (2010) "Your Song" (2010) "Wonderman" (2011) Music video"Your Song" on
YouTube English singer and songwriter Ellie Goulding covered "Your Song" for the reissue of her debut studio album, titled Bright Lights. Produced by Ben Lovett of Mumford & Sons, it was released digitally on 12 November 2010 as the re-release's lead single.[76] The song was featured in the Christmas 2010 television advert for department store
chain John Lewis.[77] Goulding performed "Your Song" at the reception party of Prince William and Catherine Middleton's wedding at Buckingham Palace on 29 April 2011, to which the couple shared their first dance.[78] She also performed the song on Saturday Night Live on 7 May 2011, along with "Lights".[79] Goulding's version was featured at
the end of the 29 July 2011 episode of the Syfy supernatural drama series Haven, titled "Love Machine".[80] Nick Levine of Digital Spy gave the song four out of five stars, commenting that producer Lovett "shrouds her beautifully fluttery vocals in little but piano and strings, just adding a few harmonies towards the finish, allowing her to draw out the
tenderness in Bernie Taupin's lyrics and the utter loveliness of one of Elton John's very best melodies. The result is a quiet, modest triumph, but a triumph nonetheless."[81] Caryn Ganz of Spin magazine opined that her cover is "everything Gaga's Grammy version wasn't—a tender, vulnerable gift".[82] AllMusic critic Jon O'Brien, in his review for
Bright Lights, called it "unimaginative" and felt that it "sounds out of place alongside the rest of her rather more adventurous material".[83] "Your Song" debuted at number 39 on the UK Singles Chart for the week of 14 November 2010. The single jumped to number three the following week, selling 84,896 copies.[84] In its third week, it climbed to
its peak position of number two (behind The X Factor Finalists 2010's cover of David Bowie's "'Heroes'") on sales of 72,292 copies,[85] becoming Goulding's highest-peaking single until 2013.[86] It maintained its position the following week, selling 63,753 units.[87] The song also topped the UK Singles Downloads Chart for the week ending 11
December 2010.[88] The single was certified double platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) on 24 September 2021 and had sold 826,000 copies in the UK by August 2013.[89][90] Elsewhere, "Your Song" reached number four in Austria,[91] number five in Ireland,[25] number 22 in Denmark,[92] number 25 in Sweden[93] and number 56
in Switzerland.[94] The music video, directed by Ben Coughlan and Max Knight,[95] premiered on YouTube on 14 November 2010. Shot in a home video look, it depicts Goulding's life on the road with friends. Areas from Goulding's hometown of Hereford can be seen throughout the video, including Hereford railway station.[96] Digital single[76]
"Your Song" – 3:10 Credits adapted from the liner notes of Bright Lights.[97] Ellie Goulding – vocals Matt Lawrence – engineering, mixing Ben Lovett – backing vocals, kick drum, piano, production Ruth de Turberville – backing vocals, cello Matt Wiggins – timpani Chart (2010–14) Peakposition Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[91] 4 Czech Republic (Rádio –
Top 100)[98] 63 Denmark (Tracklisten)[92] 22 Euro Digital Song Sales (Billboard)[99] 2 France (SNEP)[100] 126 Germany (GfK)[101] 75 Ireland (IRMA)[25] 5 Scotland (OCC)[102] 2 Sweden (Sverigetopplistan)[93] 25 Switzerland (Schweizer Hitparade)[94] 56 UK Singles (OCC)[86] 2 Chart (2010) Position UK Singles (OCC)[103] 21 Chart (2011)
Position UK Singles (OCC)[104] 102 Chart (2013) Position Austria (Ö3 Austria Top 40)[105] 56 Certifications for "Your Song (Ellie Goulding version)" Region Certification Certified units/sales Brazil (Pro-Música Brasil)[106] Gold 30,000‡ Denmark (IFPI Danmark)[107] Gold 45,000‡ New Zealand (RMNZ)[108] Gold 15,000‡ Norway (IFPI Norway)[109]
Platinum 10,000* United Kingdom (BPI)[89] 2× Platinum 1,300,000[110] United States (RIAA)[111] Gold 500,000‡ * Sales figures based on certification alone.‡ Sales+streaming figures based on certification alone. External audio "Your Song" by Lady Gaga on YouTube American singer Lady Gaga recorded a cover of "Your Song" for the 2018 tribute
album Revamp: Reimagining the Songs of Elton John & Bernie Taupin.[112] It was released digitally as a promotional single on 30 March 2018.[113] Gaga performed the song at The Recording Academy's tribute concert, titled "Elton John: I'm Still Standing – A Grammy Salute", which aired on CBS on 10 April 2018.[114] In April, during the release of
Revamp in Japan (there re-titled Your Song: Elton John Best Hits Cover),[115] Lady Gaga's cover of "Your Song" was widely promoted on the country's radio stations, becoming the most played song on Japanese radio in mid-April.[116] The song reached the top thirty in Hungary, Japan, Mexico, the digital downloads chart of Spain and the US Pop
Digital Songs chart. Chart (2018) Peakposition France Downloads (SNEP)[117] 31 Hungary (Single Top 40)[118] 18 Italy (Musica e Dischi)[119] 27 Japan (Japan Hot 100) (Billboard)[120] 27 Japan Hot Overseas (Billboard)[116] 3 Mexico Ingles Airplay (Billboard)[121] 30 Scotland (OCC)[122] 79 Spain Downloads (PROMUSICAE)[123] 12 US Pop
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2023)Key peoplePaul Langworthy (CEO) Michael Juskiewicz (CFO) Samantha Sawyer (CCO) Jon Hilbrants (CCO)[1]ServicesWhite-label music solutions, API, music download stores, production, streaming music services, radio services, voucher promotions, loyalty schemesRevenueEUR 6.69 million (2021)OwnerSongtradrNumber of
employees70SubsidiariesEntertainment News, Unique The Production Company, Smooth Operations, Unique Interactive, Above The TitleWebsitewww.7digital.com 7digital Group PLC is a British company that offers access to music, tracking and reporting for clients. London-based, 7digital provides end-to-end music services for the fitness, social
media, DSPs, and gaming industries with brands such as Barry's and Triller.[2][3] Advertising Age described 7digital (Zdigital in Australia) in 2008 as a British download store,[4] while the New York Times referred to them as a digital music company.[5][6] 7digital's Smooth Operations, Unique Production and Above the Title companies are now
branded 7digital Creative, and produce content for BBC Radio 1, Radio 1Xtra, BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 3.[citation needed] In 2009 HMV bought 50% of 7digital.[7] In 2019, the company replaced their second CEO,[1] Simon Cole,[8] who had replaced founder/CEO Ben Drury.[5] In February 2023, it was announced 7digital had been acquired by
the Santa Monica-headquartered B2B music licensing company, Songtradr.[9] Initially their API was used by Guvera, Onkyo, Samsung, BlackBerry, HMV, musical.ly (now TikTok) and Technics. They subsequently partnered with Triller, FORME Life, Soundtrack Your Brand, Global Eagle, Grandpad, Apex Rides, and Fender. 7digital was founded in
2004 by Ben Drury and James Kane[10] as a B2B digital music services company, building music download stores for record labels, brands and other retailers. 7digital Direct to Consumer (D2C) service was launched in 2005. 7digital is backed by technology venture capital firm Balderton Capital (formerly Benchmark Capital Europe). On 28 January

2008, 7digital raised £4.25m in its series B investor round, securing investment from various groups including Sutton Place Managers. The investment was to be used to launch 7digital.com in more European countries and the United States,[11] along with expanding the sites offerings to include downloadable video and computer games.[12] In September 2008, 7digital.com was the first company in Europe to launch DRM-free MP3 downloads with all four major record labels.[13] As of October 2008, 7digital employed 45 people in London and had over 1.3 million registered customers.[14] On 3 August 2009, HMV bought a 50% holding in 7digital from its venture capital owners.[15] In 2011, 7digital expanded with an office in Luxembourg and in early 2012, they expanded to the US with an office in San Francisco, CA.[16] In October 2012, 7digital secured $10 million in funding from two new investors,[17] Dolby and Imagination Technologies.[18] HMV's stake was previously reduced to less than 20%,[19] and following HMV entering into administration, retail restructuring specialists Hilco, are now the holders of these shares. On 25 November 2013, UBC Media announced merger plans with 7digital by way of a reverse takeover.[20][21] The merger was completed in May 2014, forming 7digital Group Plc.[22] The company entered a business relationship with MediaMarktSaturn in 2017, which it ended in 2019, in exchange for a cash payment of €4 million. The end of the partnership led to a need for 7digital to raise capital by the third quarter of 2019 to remain operational. The share price fell in response to these developments, with a loss of 63% on 9 April and further losses on 10 April 2019.[23] 7digital's agnostic platform is used for building products on any type of connected device. Barry's[24] Kuaishou: Kuaishou has multiple short video platforms and live broadcasts apps around the world including Kuaishou, Kuaishou Lite, Kwai, Zynn, and Snack Video[25] Apex Rides: London-based Apex Rides, a smart bike and in-home fitness platform[26] Triller: US-based short-form video sharing app (and TikTok rival)[27] Musical.ly: (May 2016)[28] eMusic: (Jan 2016)[29] Guvera: (July 2014)[30][31] On 10 November 2014, Guvera announced that it had launched its streaming service in India.[32] They shut down in May 2017. Onkyo: (June 2014)[33][34] The Onkyo Music service ceased operation on 6 October 2019.[35] Spanish Broadcasting System: (September 2014)[36] Panasonic: (November 2014)[37] They shut down the Service in 2019.[38] Samsung: for Music Hub version 1.0.[39] Replaced nu by 2.0 and 3.0 dependent on the territory that the handset was designated for. In 2012 with the launch of Samsung Galaxy S3 devices in Europe[40] and North America the Music Hub has begun to include subscription streaming alongside their music downloads. 7digital pre-install is also available on Samsung Galaxy S4.[41] BlackBerry: (initially 2010, then for their OS 7 devices) subsequently for Blackberry 10 users.[42][43] 2012: service to run on their new OS (QNX)[44] 7digital is independent of their business since significant investment they received in 2012. Re-launched in October 2013, HMVdigital.com is a download store.[45] 7digital collaborated with Canonical Ltd. to provide the Ubuntu One Music Store in the Ubuntu Operating System starting from Ubuntu 10.04.[46] On 2 April 2014 Canonical announced the closure of all of the Ubuntu One file services.[47] Spotify users from the UK, France, Norway, Finland, Spain, The Netherlands and Sweden were able to purchase tracks to download (if available) from 7digital in 2009.[48] This was done by right-clicking and selecting the 'Buy From' link. However, Spotify launched their own purchase service during 2011 which replaced 7digital.[49] In October 2014, it was announced that 7digital would work with will.i.am[50] for his new wearable smart device. In November 2014, 7digital partners Technics launched 'Technics Tracks', a new premium Hi-Resolution audio service.[51] Alongside its B2B digital music services business, 7digital offers music tracks direct to consumers in MQA, MP3 320, 256, M4A, 16-bit and 24-bit FLAC audio.[52] The 7digital mobile app has been pre-installed on devices through partnerships with Acer,[53] HTC,[54] Samsung, BlackBerry, Pioneer,[55] HP, Dell, and Sonos. 7digital's Indiestore launched in early 2006 and allowed unsigned artists and independent labels create their own digital music download store for free.[56] The Indiestore was discontinued in 2010.[57] 7digital directs independent artists to work with independent aggregators, where they will be able to service their music to a variety of music retailers.[58] In December 2014, 7digital became the first music platform to adopt Meridian Audio's high-quality MQA format for streaming/downloads.[59] As of July 2015, 7digital operated in 82 countries.[60] On May 19, 2017, 7digital announced the sudden closure of its EU store,[61] though it continued to have stores for some individual European nations. 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