

# Rihanna | Unfaithful

SONG TITLE: UNFAITHFUL

ALBUM: A GIRL LIKE ME

RELEASED: 2006

LABEL: DEF JAM, SRP

GENRE: POP/R&B

VOCALS: RIHANNA

PIANO: CARL STURKEN

STRING ARRANGEMENT: ROBERT MOUNCEY

PERCUSSION: TED HEMBERGER

WRITTEN BY: SHAFFER SMITH, MIKKEL

S. ERIKSEN, TOR ERIK

HERMANSEN

PRODUCED BY: STARGATE, MAKEBA

RIDDICK

UK CHART PEAK: 2

This was the second single from Rihanna's second album, *A Girl Like Me*. Songwriter Shaffer Smith is better known as Ne-Yo, who has also had a string of hits both as songwriter and artist.

The track encountered some controversy because of the lyrics, although they are supposed to express regret. In an interview, Rihanna stated that "finally someone put it in perspective: girls cheat too". In response, a critic stated they were concerned that the lyrics could be interpreted as "devoid of remorse". The singer said of the song that she wanted to speak about personal experiences: "what it's like to be a girl like me".

The song is a Pop/R&B ballad. The writers created the song around the piano part as they worked. Rihanna said that singing a ballad was "new ground" for her but this turned out to be one of her favourite songs from the album.

Rihanna is originally from Bridgetown, Barbados. Producer Evan Rogers noticed her and helped her put together a demo that gained the attention of Def Jam records. The president at the time, Jay-Z signed her immediately on the night she auditioned.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Unfaithful' by Rihanna. It is written in C minor (Cm) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves: a vocal line, a piano accompaniment line, and a bass line. The vocal line starts with the lyrics 'Sto - ry of my life,'. The piano accompaniment features a simple chordal accompaniment. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment. The score is marked with a [9] at the bottom, indicating the end of the page.

Rihanna is currently one of the biggest selling artists of all time, with sales of over 41 million albums and 150 million songs worldwide. During her career she has won two BRIT awards and eight Grammys. After the success of 'Better Have My Money' in July 2015, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) announced that Rihanna had become the first artist to surpass more than 100 million digital singles.

# Unfaithful

Rihanna

♩ = 144

Cm Fm/C Cm Fm/C

Sto - ry of my life, search - ing for the right. But it keeps a - void - ing me...

A<sup>b</sup> Fm/A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>maj<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>sus<sup>4</sup> G<sup>7</sup>

[5]

Cm Fm/C Cm

[9]

Fm/C A<sup>b</sup> Fm/A<sup>b</sup>

[12]



**Cm** **B<sup>b</sup>/D** **E<sup>b</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>**

kills him in - side to know that I am hap - py with

[27]

**B<sup>b</sup>** **A<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>**

some o - ther guy. I can see him dy - ing.

[30]

**Cm** **A<sup>b</sup>** **Fm<sup>7</sup>**

I don't wan - na do this an - y - more. I don't wan - na

[33]

**B<sup>b</sup>** **Cm** **A<sup>b</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>**

be the rea - son why. Ev - 'ry - time I walk out the door I see him die a

[36]

**Fm Cm A<sup>b</sup>**

lit - tle more\_ in - side. I don't wan - na hurt him an - y - more,

[40]

**Fm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>**

I don't wan - na take a - way\_ his life. I don't wan - na be\_

[43]

**B<sup>b</sup> Cm**

a mur - der - er.

[47]

**Fm/C Cm Fm/C**

[50]