



CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE

Freddie Mercury

QUEEN

1980

Elektra Records #46579

The lead single from the album **THE GAME**, going to #1. Time - 2:44. Flip Side: "Spread Your Wings". Released in U.S.A., Dec. 7, 1979.

Recorded at Musicland Studios, Munich, West Germany, June/July, 1979. Produced by **Queen**. Engineered by **Mack**.

Freddie Mercury first played guitar on this track, a tribute to Elvis Presley. After writing it, it was the first track recorded for the album as Freddie wanted to get it down while it was fresh in his mind. Their record company, Elektra Records did not want to release it as a single. When American D.J.'s started playing imported copies, they put it out and it became their first #1. Ironically, their second and only other #1 was from the same album (Another One Bites The Dust). The song also introduced a new Freddie to his audience, with short hair replacing the long hair of the '70's.

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Freddie Mercury - 1981:Melody Maker

"'Crazy Little Thing Called Love' took me five or 10 minutes," Mercury said in a 1981 interview with *Melody Maker*. "I did that on the guitar, which I can't play for nuts, and in one way it was quite a good thing, because I was restricted, knowing only a few chords."

Brian May - 2011:Absolute Radio

"Freddie's tribute to Elvis, in a way. He was very fond of Elvis and of Cliff [Richard]. Freddie wrote it very quickly, rushed in and put it down with the boys. By the time I got there, it was almost done. The sounds Mack managed to get were very elemental, real ambient sounds made it sound big. Everything about it is original rock 'n' roll sounding."

Brian May - 1993:Guitar World

"The guys put down the backing track for that one when I was out doing something in Munich, where we were working; Freddie said he wrote the song in his bathtub at the Munich Hilton. I came back and thought, 'Oh my God, it's almost finished. Let me put some guitar on it before they stick it out.' Fred plays the rhythm acoustic guitar. All I really did was add a kind of ersatz rock and roll solo and some backing harmonies and it was done."

Freddie Mercury - 1985

"I love it now as I did then, but it's easy to love the things that bring you money. I'm a loving person. Love was the inspiration for the song".

Personnel

Freddie Mercury - lead/backing vocals, acoustic guitar, hand claps
Brian May - electric guitar, backing vocals, hand claps
John Deacon - bass, hand claps
Roger Taylor - drums, backing vocals, hand claps

YOU TUBE STUDIO TRACK OFFICIAL VIDEO

YOU TUBE LYRIC VIDEO

YOU TUBE LIVE 1985, Live Aid

This thing called love I just can't handle it
This thing called love I must get round to it
I ain't ready
Crazy little thing called love

This thing (this thing) called love (called love)
It cries (like a baby)
In a cradle all night
It swings (woo woo)
It jives (woo woo)
It shakes all over like a jelly fish
I kinda like it
Crazy little thing called love

There goes my baby
She knows how to Rock'n'Roll
She drives my crazy
She gives me hot and cold fever
Then she leaves me in a cool cool sweat

I gotta be cool relax get hip!
Get on my track's
Take a back seat
Hitch hike
And take a long ride on my motor bike
Until I'm ready
Crazy little thing called love

I gotta be cool relax get hip!
Get on my track's
Take a back seat
Hitch hike
And take a long ride on my motor bike
Until I'm ready (ready Freddie)
Crazy little thing called love

This thing called love I just can't handle it
This thing called love I must get round to it
I ain't ready
Crazy little thing called love...

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