**“The Single Ladies”**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wsTogFALXg**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wsTogFALXg)

**Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter,** born in 1981 ([/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_English)[bɨˈjɒnseɪ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_English#Key)[/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_English) [*bee-****yon****-say*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3APronunciation_respelling_key))[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beyonc%C3%A9#cite_note-5)is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. Born and raised in [Houston](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Houston), [Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas), she performed in competitions as a child, becoming famous in the late 1990s with the band Destiny’s Child. The group became one of the world's [best-selling girl groups](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_best-selling_girl_groups) of all time. Their hiatus saw the release of Beyoncé's debut album, [*Dangerously in Love*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dangerously_in_Love) (2003), which established her as a solo artist worldwide; it sold 11 million copies, earned five [Grammy Awards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Award) and featured the [*Billboard* Hot 100](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billboard_Hot_100) number-one singles "[Crazy in Love](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crazy_in_Love_%28Beyonc%C3%A9_song%29)" and "[Baby Boy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baby_Boy_%28Beyonc%C3%A9_song%29)".

Beyoncé and husband Jay-Z are friends with President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. She performed "[America the Beautiful](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/America_the_Beautiful)" at the [2009 presidential inauguration](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_inauguration_of_Barack_Obama),

[Forbes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forbes_%28magazine%29) magazine began reporting on Beyoncé's earnings in 2008, calculating that the $80 million earned between June 2007 to June 2008, for her music, tour, films and clothing line made her the world's best-paid music personality at the time, above [Madonna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_%28entertainer%29) and [Celine Dion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celine_Dion).[[188]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beyonc%C3%A9#cite_note-189)[[189]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beyonc%C3%A9#cite_note-Forb-190)They placed her fourth on the [Celebrity 100](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forbes_Celebrity_100) list in 2009[[190]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beyonc%C3%A9#cite_note-191) and ninth on the "Most Powerful Women in the World" list in 2010.[[191]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beyonc%C3%A9#cite_note-192) The following year, Forbes placed her eighth on the "Best-Paid Celebrities Under 30" list, having earned $35 million in the past year for her clothing line and endorsement deals. (Wikipedia)
Lyrics from http://www.azlyrics.com/

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| **"Single Ladies (Put A Ring On It)"**All the single ladies (All the single ladies) 4X*[Verse 1]*Up in the club, we just broke upI'm doing my own little thingYou decided to dip but now you wanna tripCause another brother noticed meI'm up on him, he up on medon't pay him any attentionCause I cried my tears, for three good yearsYa can't be mad at me**CHORUS**Cause if you liked it then you should have put a ring on itIf you liked it then you should've put a ring on itDon't be mad once you see that he want itIf you liked it then you should've put a ring on itWuh uh oh uh uh oh oh uh oh uh uh oh 2X**CHORUS***[Verse 2]*I got gloss on my lips, a man on my hipsHold me tighter than my Dereon jeansActing up, drink in my cupI could care less what you thinkI need no permission, did I mentionDon't pay him any attention | single ladies = unmarried womenbroke up = phrasal verb, to end a relationshipdoin’ my own thing = slang, to do what a person wants (not what the partner, or a couple) wants to dobrother = African Amercian slang = manup on him = slang = like himYa’ = fast American English, replaces ‘you’it = reference to herself, her body, her lifeput a ring on it = idiom = get marriedthat he want it = want = grammatically should be ‘wants’ but songs break grammar rulesgloss = kinda of makeup on lips to make them shiny and invitingDereon = Beyonce’s own fashion label for causal clothesacting up = phrasal verb/pop psychology = behaving badly |

# Pharrell Williams (1973- ) (wikipedia) Website: [pharrellwilliams.com](http://pharrellwilliams.com/)

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**Pharrell Williams**, also known simply as **Pharrell**([/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_English)[fəˈrɛl](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_English#Key)[/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_English)), is an American singer-songwriter, [rapper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rapping), record producer, and fashion designer. Williams and [Chad Hugo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chad_Hugo) make up the record production duo [The Neptunes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Neptunes), producing soul, [hip hop](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hip_hop_music) and [R&B](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contemporary_R%26B) music. He is also the lead vocalist and drummer of rock, funk, and hip hop band [N.E.R.D](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N.E.R.D). He released his first single "[Frontin'](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frontin%27)" in 2003 and followed up with his debut solo album [*In My Mind*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_My_Mind_%28Pharrell_album%29) in 2006.His second album, [*Girl*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Girl_%28Pharrell_Williams_album%29) was released in 2014.

As part of The Neptunes, Williams has produced numerous hit singles for [various recording artists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Neptunes_production_discography) and has earned eleven [Grammy Awards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammy_Award), including two with The Neptunes. He currently owns a media venture that encompasses entertainment, music, fashion, and art called [i am OTHER](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_am_OTHER), a multi-media creative collective and record label that serves as an umbrella for all of Pharrell Williams' endeavors, including [Billionaire Boys Club](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billionaire_Boys_Club_%28clothing_retailer%29) and [Ice Cream](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billionaire_Boys_Club_%28clothing_retailer%29) apparel, Billionaire Girls Club, textile company Bionic Yarn and a dedicated YouTube channel launched in 2012. The channel was launched on May 12, 2012 as part of YouTube's $100 million [original channel initiative](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YouTube_Original_Channel_Initiative).

Williams is building a $35 million afterschool center in his hometown[Virginia Beach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia_Beach).[[79]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharrell_Williams#cite_note-79) His charity "From One Hand To AnOTHER'" is a foundation developed for youth between the ages of 7 and 20 in at-risk communities throughout the country.
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| **"Happy"**It might seem crazy what I'm about to saySunshine she's here, you can take a breakI'm a hot air balloon that could go to spaceWith the air, like I don't care baby by the way / {Uh}**CHORUS**Because I'm happyClap along if you feel like a room without a roofBecause I'm happyClap along if you feel like happiness is the truthBecause I'm happyClap along if you know what happiness is to youBecause I'm happyClap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do[Verse 2:]Here come bad news talking this and that, yeah,Well, give me all you got, and don't hold it back, yeah,Well, I should probably warn you I'll be just fine, yeah,No offense to you, don't waste your time / Here's why**CHORUS****[Bridge:]**(Happy) / Bring me down / Can't nothing/ Bring me down / My level's too highBring me down / Can't nothingBring me down / I said (let me tell you now) 2X**CHORUS**(Happy) [repeats]Bring me down... can't nothing...Bring me down... my level's too high...Bring me down... can't nothing...Bring me down, I said (let me tell you now) **CHORUS 2X**{Hey C'mon} | wanna = fast, spoken English = want tono offense = slang = Urban Dictionary, [www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=no+offense](http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=no+offense); phrase used to make insults seem socially acceptable. bring me down = idiom = make s.o. unhappy or depressed when they are happytoo high = slang = refers to being very, very happy, as if lightweight in the sky |