

Throwback: Queen-Crazy Little Thing Called Love

Freddie Mercury wrote “Crazy Little Thing Called Love” in no more than 10 minutes while taking a bath as a tribute to his musical heroes Elvis Presley and Sir Cliff Richard. Mercury wrote the song on an acoustic guitar and he started playing it in concert performances which he had never done before. *The Game* was Queen’s eighth studio album and it was their first to use a synthesizer. The British band experienced their greatest sales and recognition in the United States with *The Game*. Mercury took Michael Jackson’s advice and released “Another One Bites The Dust” as a single and it helped the album along with “Crazy Little Thing Called Love” to reach the number one chart spot for the first time in the United States.

“Crazy Little Thing Called Love” also appeared on Queen’s *Greatest Hits* and live versions appear on *Queen Rock Montreal*, *Queen on Fire – Live at the Bowl*, *Live at Wembley ’86* and *Hungarian Rhapsody: Queen Live in Budapest*. *The Game* was reissued on DVD in 2003. Mercury died of A.I.D.S. complications in 1991. Paul Rodgers sang with the band for five years in the 2000s. In 2011, Adam Lambert joined Queen in 2012 and they continue to tour as Queen + Adam Lambert. They recorded and released *Live Around The World* in 2020. The Queen biopic *Bohemian Rhapsody* came out in 2018 and won a Golden Globe and Rami Malek who played Mercury accepted an Academy Award for his performance.

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