

'Eterno Agosto' Alvaro Soler

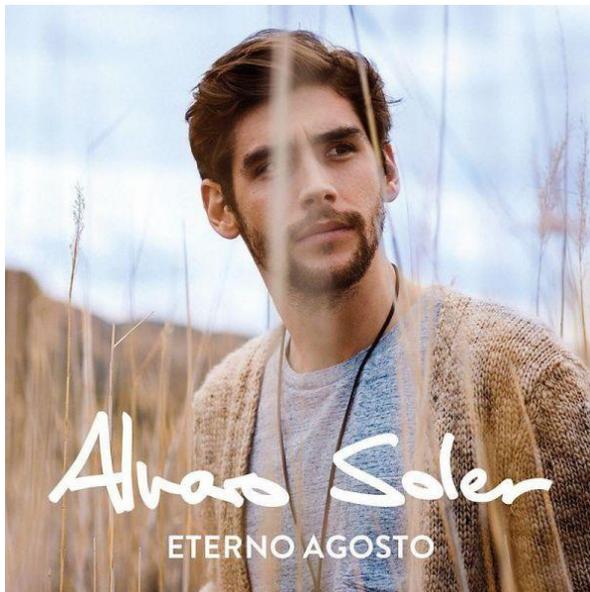
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Alvaro Soler is a German-Spanish singer who was born in January 9, 1991 in Barcelona. Although he is Spanish, he passed most of his youth in Japan. He came back to Barcelona for university and there's where he started performing. He created a band called Urban Lights with his brother and some of his friends. The band was considered to play indie

pop, rock pop, British pop and electronic music. The band started releasing some material and they even self-produced an album. In 2014, he decided to leave Urban Lights, who are still playing nowadays, and decided to start a solo career. He had some German connections, his father is German, so he was helped by many German artists when he released his first single "El Mismo Sol", which is the first single of the album, and it was produced in Berlin. The song had a huge success, especially in Italy, which is the country where Alvaro Soler has more success, and due to the success of the song, he signed with Universal Music.

In 2018, he released his second album “Mar de Colores” being “La Cintura” the most popular single of the album. He speaks 6 languages (Spanish, Catalan, German, Italian, English and Japanese) which really helped him to be well-known in many countries. He has been judge of Italy X Factor and did a song with the Colombian band Morat for Despicable Me 3.



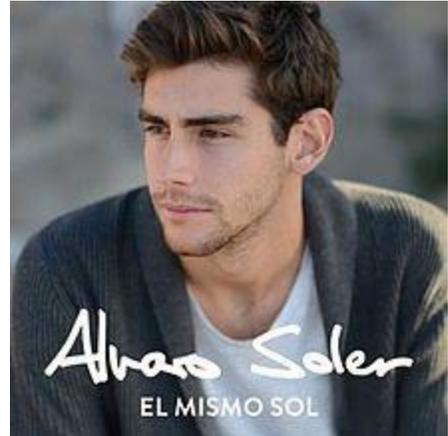
Eterno Agosto is Alvaro Soler’s first album in his solo career. I chose this album because I was thinking on doing my review on a Spanish singer. I thought about Spanish singers I know and Alvaro Soler was the one that I listened more often. I looked at the albums he made and the first album in my opinion was way better than the other ones. It

has songs like “El Mismo Sol” or “Sofia” which have been a success in all Europe. Although he released a Deluxe version and an international edition of the album, the one I’m going to talk about is Eterno Agosto.

The album was released on June 6, 2015 by Universal Music. Alvaro Soler was help by the German artist Simon Triebel and it was recorded in Berlin. It has some elements of Latin pop and folk pop.

“El Mismo Sol”:

Alvaro Soler’s music has been always kind of music for the summer. The fact that he released the song on May 8 and being the first single of the album tells you that that’s what the artist wants to do, do songs for the summer. Also the name of the album is “Eternal August” in Spanish. It was the most successful hit of the album and was number in many European countries like Poland, Italy or Spain and got 3 in Germany. The song starts with some claps. It’s a song which was made to dance while you are with friends. The music video of the song reflects this, you can see him playing the guitar in a party with many people dancing around. I find the song also pretty catchy. He also did an English version with Jennifer Lopez to start to be known also in the U.S, and it was top 10 for a week in the Billboard charts.



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“Agosto”:



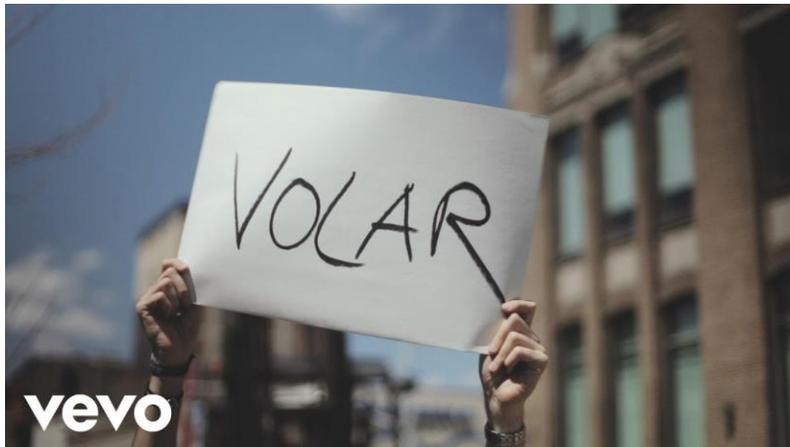
The album title comes from this song. It’s the third single of the album and it has a different rhythm from the other songs. While the other songs of the album are not sad songs, the melody of this one gives you a feeling of sadness, and although in the chorus the rhythm gets faster and it’s also

catchy, it doesn't transmit you the same happiness from the other songs. The song didn't get much success, it just reached number 54 on Belgium, but in my opinion is one of Alvaro Soler's best songs.

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"Volar":



In this songs we return the danceable type of song. From the first second to the last one, we can imagine so many things with this song, even though you don't understand the lyrics.

The lyrics talk about chilling, relaxing and enjoy the summer. As the chorus said "Volar con el viento" that means fly with the wind. Again, I find the songs really catchy.

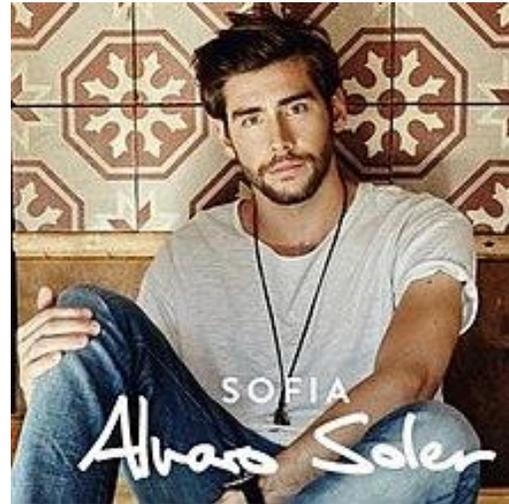
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The music video of the song was a really entertaining video but I couldn't find it. This one is the most similar one I found:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wxdabD-7mE>

“Sofia”:

“Sofia” was released after the album and it’s not part of the original album, it’s part of the international edition of it, but it’s one of my favorite songs so I wanted to include The song, like the others, has a quick rhythm. The music video was recorded in Cuba. The song was number 1 in many countries. In Italy, remember he was doing a concert in the city were my grandparents live and I could hear the crowd singing the song from my grandparents’ house, which is 8 km far from where the concert was.



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I really like the album but as I said, it’s more a summer album.

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