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Mark
I've got a good thing
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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 09:01:44

quote:

Originally posted by streepalicious

quote:

Originally posted by MissDustyFanatic

Well, he is a few years older than Miss Dusty, so he's got to be what...75, 76?

"I've got to be where my spirit can run free..."

I thought he was born in 1932 which would indeed make 76ish!

But Tom might as well have duck tape over his mouth in conern to speaking about his famous sister. 🙄

Alice xxxxx

I have the impression that if Tom gives one Interview, he'll then be expected to give more, including answering intrusive questions about *his* private life when all he wants is to live in quiet retirement.....

Mark



streepalicious
Little by little
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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 09:07:55

I didn't think Tom had done much since The Seekers broke up. Or maybe I'm just badly informed?

Alice xxxxx



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streepalicious
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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 09:13:43

Or maybe Tom was born in 1934 which would make him 74 or 75?



Alice xxxxx



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Will

Wasn't born to follow



Posted - 29/04/2009 : 13:19:08

>>I have the impression that if Tom gives one Interview, he'll then be expected to give more, including answering intrusive questions about his private life when all he wants is to live in quiet retirement.....<<

And I agree with you, Mark.

Will

"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 14:13:52

I don't think Tom has ever consented to interviews, not just in retirement.

Carole, interesting analogy with Lucy.

Being a musical/vocal genius must have been quite a burden for Dusty.

As for religion, in a brief conversation I had with Pat several years ago, she mentioned the same thing--she thought the church to have been a destructive force in D's life. what do we know about religion in Dusty's upbringing? Were both of her parents strict Catholics? Is there anything further about your conversation with Pat you'd feel okay about sharing here, Carole?

Here is an excerpt from a blog discussing Hartmann's ideas, for those interested. regarding the 'overly-trusting' characterization, however....maybe it describes Dusty in that she tended to trust the wrong people--trust too easily, whereas she had issues trusting the right people -- not being too 'get atable" as she said.

People with thin boundaries are open, overly-trusting, and easily intimate with others. They experience the border between themselves and others as porous and transparent. People with thick boundaries, on the other hand, are rigid, well-defended, and almost seem to be wearing a suit of armor. They experience the border between themselves and others as solid and difficult to breach; they often have trouble with intimacy.

This concept of thick and thin boundaries is elucidated by Ernest Hartmann, in his 1991 book *Boundaries in the Mind*. In this classic, Hartmann notes a number of other characteristics of individuals with thick and thin boundaries. For instance, people with thick boundaries tend to be quite organized and keep everything in its designated place. People with thin boundaries appear to be somewhat unorganized and to operate spontaneously rather than according to a planned schedule. People with thin boundaries may have difficulty distinguishing dreams from memories (did that really happen or did I just dream it happened?). They are also more likely to spend time daydreaming and to suffer from nightmares. Thin-boundaried people tend to fall in love more easily; they may have more identity issues; and they may experience themselves as both child and adult, or male and female, at the same time. They are more prone to unusual perceptual experiences (such as *déjà vu*) and feelings of clairvoyance or premonition. Hartmann found that both psychotics and artists tend to have thin boundaries.



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In contrast, people with thick interpersonal boundaries may tend to feel alienated and out of touch...out of touch with their own intuitions and feelings as well as out of touch with other individuals.

Hartmann found that thick and thin boundaries extend beyond intra- and interpersonal preferences. For example, people with thick boundaries may also prefer thick boundaries in the external world. They may prefer realism in art over impressionism, and they tend to support strong borders between nations. In their homes, they prefer rooms with specific functions (walls between the kitchen, dining room, and living room) rather than an open floor plan.

Back to my friend who has thin boundary issues. He is loved by both students and faculty ...but he has constant "drama" in his life due to his thin interpersonal boundaries. By letting so many people "in," he has created an inner space where someone close to him is always in crisis and needs his attention. This constant drama has cut into his ability to be productive in his creative career.

shelley Carlson, Psychology Today blog
<http://blogs.psychologytoday.com/blog/life-art/200807/how-thin-are-your-boundaries>

x N

There's something in my soul that will always lead me back to you.



Hampson

I've got a good thing



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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 16:03:05

I can identify with quite a lot of what Dusty went through, particularly the depression side of it. Psychiatrists do like to find someone to hook the blame onto, ie parents, but after many years of depression and trying to find a reason, I realised that it can be a result of hormone imbalance, particularly in women. And as Dusty found peace in later years, it could be that her hormones had settled down by this time and may be nothing to do with life itself.

Like Carole I've got two children, very close in age, and brought up in exactly the same way, one of them suffered depression, the other one can't even understand the meaning of the word. So upbringing may not be at fault in Dusty's case.

We are all complex individuals, and everything comes into play. The other thing I think, when Dusty was on the road in the early days, she would have been eating a poor diet, not getting enough sleep, all these things are relevant to depression and taking a toll on her physical health and mental health, and in later years the drinking and drugs would also be a compounding factor.

When Dusty went to America, I know she had friends, but she had no family, and I have been in this situation myself, in a country with no family, and feeling totally alone, that was when depression kicked in and became really serious. Like falling into the abyss. It occurred to me that it may have been the same with Dusty. Suddenly finding herself completely alone - if you haven't been through that it's hard to understand the emotions you go through. Almost like everyone in the world has got a family except you. It's a devastating realisation.

I think she was a particularly sensitive individual - and everything affects sensitive people more acutely.

I am no psychiatrist but I think I have been a keen student of life.

Wend

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Hampson

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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 16:05:30

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One other thing, could it be that the reason Tom says nothing is because Dusty may have made him promise to keep quiet, therefore he is carrying out her wishes.

Wend



Posted - 29/04/2009 : 17:13:14

Some interesting thoughts from you Wendy.

I think you have probably hit the nail on the head..so to speak.

Trek.
often called Carole.



Posted - 29/04/2009 : 19:22:52

I don't usually contribute to these discussions as people tend to go too deeply into things, and look for things that simply aren't there. I agree with you Wendy, what you're saying makes a whole lot of sense.

Casx

'Something in your eyes'



Posted - 29/04/2009 : 20:00:34

It's very easy to say a lot, Cas, without stopping to consider that we have few of the pieces of information we need; no Dusty, no Tom, neither of the parents. We can guess and surmise, but that is as much as we can do.

Will

"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 20:46:56

It bothers me that Dusty's parents get a lot of stick these days, as I've said before I saw a letter from Dusty's father to her, written in the 70's, and it showed nothing other than concern and love. Nancy, the conversation with Pat was going from one topic to another as conversations do, but the problem Dusty had with her religion kept on coming up as something she constantly struggled with, especially in the 60's. No real specifics.

Wendy, I think what you're saying puts us in the same line of thought.

Carole x

"There's a part of you that's a part of me..."



MissDustyFanatic

Where am I going?



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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 21:21:51

quote:

Originally posted by Hampson

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Wend

I think it's likely a combination of loyalty to his sister, Wendy, and as Mark said earlier, not wanting to open up about HIS private life.

I know I've said it before, but I do wonder what Tom has been up to for the last 40 years or so. We more or less know what Miss Dusty did since the Springfields broke up, but apart from the Seekers and his two solo albums in the late 60s/1970, there's as long a gap in his professional life that next to nothing is known about. I think he's got a wonderfully creative mind, and I wonder how that creative energy has been channeled over the last several decades.

"I've got to be where my spirit can run free..."



spooky

Little by little



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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 21:40:49

Carole raises an important point about the effects of Catholic indoctrination on Dusty. Pat said to me (exact words): "it was the nuns what done 'er in."

Annie

warten und hoffen...



Will

Wasn't born to follow



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Posted - 29/04/2009 : 23:06:43

Many people struggle with being both Catholic and gay - indeed, there used to be a self-help group which addressed precisely that issue. I imagine it would have been far more difficult in the Sixties.

Will

"..a voice on the travelling wind and a glimpse of a face at morning.."

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Posted - 30/04/2009 : 00:39:30

It was the nuns what done 'er in! I'll have nun of that! But, yes, religion, her sexuality, her sensitivity and fragility, her more or less unknown childhood, Tom, the different wiring of a creative genius, being an ambitious non-heterosexual woman in the good/bad old 60s and early 70s, the amazing pressure and work load, the hounding by the press, alcohol and drugs. The career Fall from the 60s to the 70s. So many supposed and assumed variables. Too hard to fathom without more in depth research.

Her parents married late. I don't have their birth dates to hand but they were probably born pre World War 1. They were as good parents as they could be in their personal circumstances. They gave their children a good education in particular. Dusty would get drunk with them later on, she would party with them

and there was always a welcome for her and her friends as far as I know. Maybe this is how they best connected in Dusty's adult years. When it came down to serious reality checks like Dusty telling them about her sexuality or wanting to know why her father treated her badly sometimes, there was no meaningful response. When profounder chips were down they couldn't deliver. But I don't blame them because they were of their time and they were probably non-plussed. I imagine Dusty flitting in from L.A. dropping bombshell questions amidst the gaiety. They probably had no time to even gather their thoughts but maybe they weren't thoughtful like that anyway. Hopefully the letters brought them a little closer. But Dusty still apparently stayed away, more or less, from her aging parents.

Dusty didn't seem to have many or any safety nets. Who could she really turn to? She was too special. Not many in the world had a similar extraordinary life experience. Who could have really understood what she was going through at any time? Dusty was alone in many ways. Nowadays we are very used to 'stars' going into 'rehab' for drug dependancies, break-downs, sheer exhaustion etc. It's acceptable. It's probably special 'rehab' that understands a little of what these particular people go through and the huge pressure to succeed that they are under. Dusty didn't have this luxury but she got the help she could and she came back to us. When she came back she got the love from her public all over again and she did seem to settle down. She also told us she thought she was 'damaged' and that the USA experience was harmful to her. She told us a little about her troubled child-hood and how it affected her. That's probably enough for me to know until that finely written comprehensive biography is published one day.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 30/04/2009 00:51:52



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