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A VERY FINE LOVE

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A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22877)

by **Michael Muccino** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 3:49 am

Can you please offer your review of this work? As this was Dusty's final effort, I'm interested in your thoughts.

Michael

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22896)

by **Clive** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 10:32 am

I have to admit I was not impressed with this album at first. After I listened to it I the first time I could not remember any of the songs apart from the single *Wherever Would I Be*
I remember thinking can these *really* be the best ten songs that were available to Dusty?

Later I gave it another chance and I think it has a really soothing quality , Dusty at ease with herself and I think it puts you at ease when you listen to it.

I think the production lets it down at times and Dusty's voice has lost some of its strength but I can appreciate her way with a phrase and the lovely way she kind of wraps her voice around the words and melodies.

My favourite track is *I Can't Help The Way I Don't Feel*, one of the more country sounding songs she recorded.

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22903)

by **Corinna** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 11:24 am

I wrote a lengthy piece about this album somewhere... will try to dig the thread out.

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22904)

by **Corinna** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 11:25 am

There it is:

[viewtopic.php?f=7&t=442&start=0&hilit=avfl](http://www.dustyspringfield.org.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=442&start=0&hilit=avfl) (<http://www.dustyspringfield.org.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=442&start=0&hilit=avfl>)

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22905)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 12:17 pm

Hi Michael, I wrote a long revue as the beginning of a long thread on this album on the old site. I dont know if that can all be recovered or not?? Memphis,Rosie and Taylor encouraged me to do so as I had said how much I loved the album.

despite the obvious issues others have mentioned re her health and the strength of her voice and of course some of the songs not perhaps being as thrilling as her earlier songs,I still think its fab. how can anyone not like her aching ,beautiful voice on this despite these issues. 🌹🌹

I cant do all the review I did before but I will say that I was so thrilled when I bought this and I played it and played it, as I do now. it makes me so sad and so happy all through the playing of it



I also just love the visual it brings me due to the Jools Holland appearance when she sang " where is a woman to go" and she seemed so at ease and enjoying the moment, little known to us all that we would hardly ever see her again 😞

I think I would say that of all the songs then

"go easy on me" is my favourite,just that voice ❤️

my others then are

roll away

you are the storm

a very fine love. 🌹

Her last album holds a very special place in my heart just as her first one does, hence my avatar.



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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22917)

by **Corinna** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 1:41 pm

I wish there was a way to copy Liz' thread from the old forum, but this link will have to do:

http://www.dustyspringfield.info/old_forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=442&start=0&hilit=avfl ,fine,love (http://www.dustyspringfield.info/old_forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=442&start=0&hilit=avfl)

It was indeed a very fine review Liz! 😊

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22963)

by **Michael Muccino** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 6:56 pm

Thanks, guys! Sorry I had forgotten that great thread from February, and the old one is quite good also. Your views are exactly what I was looking for! Happy Father's Day to any dads out there, and June 21 - 1st Day of Summer!!!! 😊

Michael

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p22995)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 9:43 pm

only "quite good" Michael?? 🤔 our best efforts in the first thread and we spilled blood writing all those views, 😊 whew ??

but seriously,

its a great last album from a great Lady. I think we all love it for whatever reasons 🌹

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23003)

by **humboldt** » Sat Jun 19, 2010 10:22 pm

When I got it back in '95 I liked it a lot but after a few plays I felt that it was not as good as it might have been bearing in mind where it was recorded and who was playing on it. I felt that the majority of songs were just not worthy of Dusty. As expected Dusty's voice had lost some of it's power but not it's emotion. I actually think that she sounds great. However I didn't play it again until after her death when of course it took on a new significance. It's still not her best song list but it's her last and I would not be without it as it's the final chapter. The stand out track is of course 'Where Is a Woman to Go?' which really should have been the lead single as it was Dusty to a T compared to the two rather MOR tracks that were released as singles. Anyway I do love 'Very Fine Love', 'Go Easy On Me', 'I Can't Help The Way I Don't Feel' & 'Old Habits Die Hard'. It would have been wonderful if Dusty had been able to record just one more album but of course 😞

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23145)

by **Michael Muccino** » Sun Jun 20, 2010 11:39 pm

Sorry, Liz! 🤔 Yes - Much better than "quite good" - Actually really great! 👍

Michael

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23220)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon Jun 21, 2010 8:35 pm

thats better 🤔 , we wrote our backsides off in that thread 😊

glad Cor managed to find it 🤔 , it was interesting reading all those again and re confirms that we love that album 🌹

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23285)

by **Michael Muccino** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 1:06 pm

Yeah, I lost my head, Liz 🤔 - It won't happen again. 🙏

Your Properly Admonished Friend, 🙄
Michael

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23321)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 7:02 pm

its ok Michael I have called "the boys" back. 🙄
at least this thread got reignited and it is a fab thread. so dont worry just "roll away" 😊 b

Michael Muccino wrote:

Yeah, I lost my head, Liz 😬 - It won't happen again. 🙄

Your Properly Admonished Friend, 🙄
Michael

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23322)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 7:04 pm

Nice to see Liz's original thread again. 'A Very Fine Love' is a lovely album. What we have with Dusty is a very fine love indeed. 🌹

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23323)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 7:18 pm

yes we do indeed Memph, and it was Dusty and all of you made me do it if I remember correctly 😊

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23328)

by **Corinna** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 7:39 pm

Trying to blame it on us, are you? 😬 🙄

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23329)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 7:42 pm

Yes, I remember us encouraging you. We knew you loved the album and we thought you'd start us off in style and you sure did! You produced a classic Dusty thread 🙄 🌹 🙄

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23334)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 7:50 pm

of course, 😬 but I am rather proud of the thread as there were some great responses on there and I love this album so much 🙄

I think its so good to see it back and we used to do lots of these threads and so thats why I wanted to do "reputation" as I was so thrilled when I re played it and remembered the great songs on a roll. I think I play my songs on shuffle mode so much on the ipod that I forget to play a whole album and then when I do I fall in love with it all over again 🥰

I am going to change my car cds soon and find new favs again 😊👑👑

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23336)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 8:08 pm

Hi Liz

Yes, that thread made me feel nostalgic. I think we reviewed all the albums bar 'Memphis'. I said I would start that humdinger off so I'd better start thinking about it!

I play everything on 'shuffle' nowadays. I played 'Memphis' all the way through a couple of weeks ago and was astonished yet again.

Anyway, have you posted your holiday snaps yet? And, I hope you had a great time and had to wear sunglasses because the sun was so bright 😊 .

Melanie x

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23341)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 8:24 pm

yes Mel, I put them on Robs thread "out and about" it was good there and I did wear these 😎

I think after my radio interview with Michael Ball re the Memphis album ,I hope lots of people have listened to the other tracks and not just Preacherman but I do think its your turn to review this album now as it is your swansong after all 😊
we might even get Taylor to join in 😊

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23342)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 8:31 pm

OK, Liz I'll work on it and get something posted soonish.

Oh and have you got a recording of your interview that you could share?

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23343)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 8:49 pm

the interview was on iplayer for a week then its gone . I only got it on my mobile from the i player and I taped it on the old cassette so I cant transfer it to cd or anything. I cant even copy the tape but someone else may be able to?

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Re: A VERY FINE LOVE (#p23345)

by **memphisinlondon** » Tue Jun 22, 2010 8:54 pm

Oh! Hopefully somebody can. Pleeese! In the meantime I am about to post my review as, as it happens, I have something ready made.

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