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Posted - 25/10/2007 : 17:52:13



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Before I was a Dusty fan (yes, there was such a time!), I really liked Brenda Lee and I still do. I recently came across this passage from her autobiography. Talking about appearing on Saturday Club (radio show) with lots of British stars, she says.....

'Battle of the Giants' featured my music alongside that of Dusty Springfield. They tried to make a competition between us. But the truth is we loved each other. I met Dusty for the first time when she was still with her brother in the Springfields. They sang Silver Threads and Golden Needles at the New Musical Express awards show in 1962 that I was on. She also had great mod clothes. Women back then always had to share dressing rooms, so we all drew close to one another. Over the years I became an even bigger fan. Dusty was definitely an independent spirit. She was her own woman and I respected that enormously. And what can you say about those records - Wishin' and Hopin', Son of a Preacher Man and the rest. Not long after she recorded her final album in Nashville, she died of breast cancer at only 59 in 1999. A year later they put her in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I wish she could have lived to see that.

Carole x  
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

**boztiggs**  
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Posted - 25/10/2007 : 18:07:42



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thats lovely, i especially liked the bit about dusty being " her own woman"

neil 😊

" Here in the gloom, of my lonely room, i hold his photograph and pray ill see him soon oh-oh"

**Tom Lovett**  
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Posted - 25/10/2007 : 18:18:39



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I was also a bit of Brenda Lee fan, I remember buying 'Sweet Nuthin's' 'Let's Jump The Broomstick' 'I'm Sorry' 'I Want To Be Wanted' 'Dum Dum' 'Speak To Me Pretty' and a another single titled 'Losing You' (different song to Dustys). In those days the early sixties I had just started work and we were paid weekly in cash, and my first call on the way home was the local record shop, I always used to buy a single each week, costing 6s8d (33p).

Those were the days.

I, obviously like you Carol, like women with distinctive voices.

Must get a Best of Brenda Lee CD.

Tom.

In sparkle gown, perfection, spinning impossible arcs of vibrato through smouldering waves of invisible sound.



**Iceblink**

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Posted - 25/10/2007 : 21:55:48

Me too. Her christmas music remains my most favorite. Thanks for sharing this Carole.

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Posted - 25/10/2007 : 22:59:25

"All Alone Am I" was/is a favourite of mine. I do like distinctive voices Tom and Brenda has that break or crack in her voice, different but similar to Dusty. Strange that I never held any other British singer in great esteem back in the sixties, it was always the Americans. The girl groups, especially Ronnie Spector, and singers like Timi Yuro, Connie Francis, Carole King and a bit later, Anne Murray and Karen Carpenter.

Carole x

"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."



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Posted - 26/10/2007 : 01:18:11

I'm Sorry  
and  
Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.

Classics.  
Brenda was a big hit singer in my childhood.  
It was Brenda Lee and Connie Francis in those days.

Nice to hear she's such a classy lady when it comes to Dusty too.



**Hampson**

I've got a good thing



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Posted - 26/10/2007 : 08:50:32

I was also a great fan of Brenda's, the original little miss dynamite. Brenda Lee was always way up there in my estimation. Like Dusty, you can't mistake her voice, she's very distinctive. And obviously a woman of taste.

Wendy



**Kathy**

Wasn't born to follow



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Posted - 26/10/2007 : 14:56:58

Yep, I love Brenda Lee too. I remember my first visit to New York in 1964 when some fly by night travel agent had booked us into a fleabag hotel with a view out of the window like West Side Story! Neither of us could sleep under such dirty conditions so we lay on top of the bed fully clothed listening to the radio all night. The defining moment for me was hearing Brenda Lee sing "I'm sorry, so sorry!" Indeed I was, and we checked out early the next morning and found somewhere better. 😊

XX  
Kathy



**mockingbird**

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Posted - 04/11/2007 : 00:41:58

Loved those songs, she really was "Miss Dynamite" but what about As Usual? Am I right in thinking that was one of the "bigger" hits in the UK? I remember my mother becoming a fan when she heard this, although she

didn't particularly follow popular music. And, whatever happened to Little Peggy March...she seemed to follow on the heels of Brenda.

Moira x



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Posted - 04/11/2007 : 02:55:53

I once used "I'm sorry" on my telephone answering machine.



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I liked As Usual too, even the speaking bits, which could sometimes be a bit cringing. I think Little Peggy March only had one big hit here with I Will Follow Him (which was used in Sister Act, remember?)and dropped the little because she grew tall 😊 There are some really great Brenda Lee clips on YouTube. When I think of BL and LPM, I also think of Skeeter Davies and End of the World. Brenda had many more hits though and was voted World's Best Female singer in all the music polls here, until a certain blonde lady stole it from her 🙄



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Carole x  
"Since you went away, I've been hanging around...."

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**Cas19**  
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I don't think I was ever a fan as such..but its a lovely article Carole.



Casx



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**mockingbird**  
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Skeeter Davis. Yeah! now there's a name to conjure with! Then does that brings us on to Ketty Lester's Love Letters.....or not!? I think that was my personal favourite of all the versions of that song.

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Moira x



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