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Brian

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Posted - 19/05/2009 : 20:20:36

We all know how clever Dusty was in picking material to record, but do you think she missed 'golden opportunities' to get hit records back in the sixties?

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Brian

MissDustyFanatic

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Posted - 20/05/2009 : 01:26:01

Brian, I'm not sure if you mean songs she should have recorded, or songs she recorded that she should have released as singles, but one that immediately springs to mind is 'You Don't Own Me'. I think it could have been a huge hit in the UK. Lesley Gore's version was big in the US. I'd also like to have seen her do studio versions of 'Nowhere to Run' and 'Up On the Roof'.

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

andyp

I start counting



Australia
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Posted - 20/05/2009 : 02:54:16

Brian,

Dusty seemed to make a point of recording covers on albums but never releasing them as singles. Did she not want to offend the original artist?

quote:

Originally posted by Brian

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Brian

Andyp

daydreamer

Moderator



Posted - 21/05/2009 : 16:31:46

I wish she had recorded "I Honestly Love You". Olivia's was nice, Dusty's would have been crushing.

Carole x

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



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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 26/06/2009 : 13:23:52

I think *If You Go Away* should have been a UK single, I think it would have been a Top 10 hit and possibly a number one.



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Posted - 26/06/2009 : 15:09:01

'Anyone Who Had a Heart' should have been a single as she intended - it cuts Cilla's version into tiny, shrill little bits.

She should have trusted her first reaction to it and not chickened out!

'You talkin' about me?'



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memphisinlondon
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Posted - 26/06/2009 : 21:44:17

I agree with Humboldt. Cilla made 'Anyone Who Had A Heart' hers. She did a fine job and she sounds 'real' like any girl or boy who's having their heart broken. I hear it as Cilla's song always.

I've been playing Chris Clark's 'Do Right Baby, Do Right' and Marvin and Tammi's 'If This World Were Mine' quite a lot. I love these songs and think Dusty would have sung them very well indeed. I wish she had. But that's not to say she would have had hits with them. I think hits in the UK were almost a toss of the dice where Dusty was concerned. But maybe they'd have made great album tracks.

Memphis
Ever since we met...



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Tim
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Posted - 27/06/2009 : 09:47:52

Well I guess hear it as Cilla's as well - but to my mind that's as much because I heard her version first as any other reason. I can never get over the harshness of Cilla's high register, but it's one of her better songs and she certainly deserved it to be a hit for her.

'You talkin' about me?'

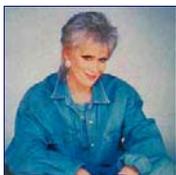


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Posted - 27/06/2009 : 10:36:01

Dionne's version of *Anyone Who Had A Heart* is still my favourite.



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Posted - 27/06/2009 : 11:05:53



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Hit's I think Dusty might have done well..mostly all covers..

1. By My Baby...
2. Bang, Bang!..She would have to sing it slow like Nancy Sinatra.
3. It's In His Kiss (The Shoop Shoop Song) lol...
4. Then He Kissed Me..
5. To Sir With Love...
6. The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia..
7. Do You Know The Way To San Jose?
8. Walk On By..

or any of the hits by The Supremes...basically anything Motown lol

As for Anyone Who Had A Heart....Dionne Warwick....does a good version....love Cilla but I don't really care for her version.

JOSH 😊

"There is a garden
Something like the shadow of a butterfly
And lies beyond the gates of dark and light
And darling, it belongs to me"



DustysBoy
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Posted - 27/06/2009 : 11:11:56



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Adding one more....What The World Needs Now Is Love....I often see this song on the net listed as Dusty as the singer.....I think Jackie Deshannon is the singer of this song.

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Baby Blue
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Posted - 27/06/2009 : 19:03:39



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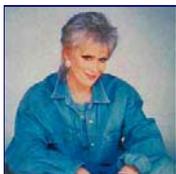
I think Dusty would have done a brilliant job will ALL the Bacharach/David tunes ever written. Unfortunately, Dionne Warwick beat her to most of them.

Marty



Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 27/06/2009 : 22:17:03



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I agree Marty. Not sure if you have the *Just Dusty* DVD but on it Tris Penna ,who worked with EMI records at the time of *Reputation*, said that he had suggested to Dusty that the next album could be of classic and newly written Bacharach songs.

Burt was agreeable and provisional plans were made but it fell through when EMI and Dusty parted company. Such a shame it didn't go ahead.



Sweetbaby

Posted - 28/06/2009 : 03:49:13

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quote:

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Well Madeline Bell had a 1965 single of WTWNNIL on Philips which suggests Dusty was offered the song and passed.

While I agree Dusty would have sounded great on the song I wouldn't be surprised if she did decline it: I think Dusty was very much into songs that dealt with personal experience rather than "message songs".



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