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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 15/07/2009 : 13:39:04



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Is LWYL Dusty's least-loved album?

"unstunning" "world-weary" "sluggish" are some of the descriptions I've read of the album.

Certainly it was not a commercial success. It didn't chart in the UK or US and neither single, the title track in the US, or *I'm Coming Home*

Again in the UK, was a hit.

There certainly was a hit song on the album though as Anne Murray had a big hit in the US in 1979 with *I Just Fall In Love Again*.

Do you think if the album had been a hit it would be remembered differently or what are your thoughts on the album generally?

humboldt
I'll try anything
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United Kingdom
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Posted - 15/07/2009 : 16:15:50

Hi Clive. As I've said before on LTD I played it once and filed under 'F' for forget. If it had been any other singer I would have binned it but then I'd be missing a chapter in Dusty's recordings.

It was far too MOR. The arrangements were tired and the production lacked any spark. Dusty's voice sounded like she wasn't really all that bothered about the songs. Dusty adored Motown but her version of the Miracles 'You've Really Got A Hold On Me' has to be her only bad Motown cover as it lacks the energy of the original and adds nothing which is not like her. 'Closet Man' is the best song but then it doesn't have much competition. This is one of the times when I wanted to give Dusty a good shaking and ask her what on earth she was doing recording such mediocre MOR dross. Just think that she could have been recording great songs by the likes of Bowie, Nyro, Mitchell & King just to name a few.

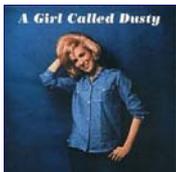
OK rant over, I feel better now.



Humboldt



Brian
Where am I going?
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United Kingdom
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Posted - 15/07/2009 : 16:44:38

Not my favourite either. The second picture is awful - looks like someone just shoved a chocolate eclair through the curtains! However...it does contain some 'really nice' Dusty moments - 'I'm coming home again', 'Living without your love' and (sorry John!), the best track on the album 'You've really got a hold on me'. Can't say I like 'Closet man' or 'Save me, save me' though.

Brian



MissDustyFanatic
Where am I going?
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USA
2606 Posts

Posted - 15/07/2009 : 19:52:33

I've listened to it more and more recently and have grown to, if not LOVE it, at least respect and appreciate it. More later, but I love 'Living Without Your Love', 'I'm Coming Home Again', 'Get Yourself to Love', and though I may be the only one, I LOVE 'Save Me, Save Me'. It's full of energy and Miss Dusty hits some of her strongest notes in the song.

"This is life in it's glory"

Edited by - MissDustyFanatic on 16/07/2009 05:45:17



memphisinlondon
Where am I going?
★★★



Posted - 15/07/2009 : 21:49:20

This album is for hard core Dusty fans only because we really, really listen and want to hear excellence even if it's just a couple of notes. This album is poor Dusty scraping the bottom of the song barrel most times. Objectively, it's a ~~scrappy, crappy~~ really weak album and we've discussed it before I think. No wonder Dusty came back with something to shock us out of our don't care slumber with 'White Heat'.



United Kingdom
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LWOYL wasn't what Dusty was made for. It's the ~~worst and~~ weakest quality album Dusty ever released. Inoffensive background music before you put something decent on. It represented the nadir of Dusty's musical fortunes. There are some decent tracks. I'm one of those that does like the smooth jazz of 'Closet Man' and my favourite track always was and still is 'Get Yourself To Love'.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

PS I've amended this post because what I wrote originally was too harsh. I had no idea at all about who Dusty really was and what she was going through at this time and how the record company was treating her. She was just somebody I appreciated but I wasn't a die-hard fan and yet I went to see her at Drury Lane. I was young and I had lots of other more exciting and vital musical choices to listen to at this time. LWYL just didn't mean much to me in comparison.

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 16/08/2009 01:40:46



Sarah
Little by little



220 Posts

Posted - 15/07/2009 : 21:53:09

I don't feel that the album contains Dusty's best material. I wonder what happened with the making of this album- maybe Dusty didn't have as much of a hand in it as she did in other albums or something? I don't love the cover of it either- not the best picture!!

Saying that, I do like Be Somebody and I'm Coming Home Again. I think Be Somebody has a really pretty tune and I love watching videos of Dusty singing I'm Coming Home again. Particularly the Saturday Night Live At The Mill video (from the BBC DVD); I think that performance was what made me like the song so much. A wonderful performance, so heartfelt.



dancer8595
Little by little



United Kingdom
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Posted - 15/07/2009 : 22:02:32

'Objectively, it's a scrappy, crappy album.' 🙄
Very well put.

I suppose we all have LWYL because we are hardcore completists. I feel a bit sorry for it. It's like the kid that gets picked last for team games in PE. The poor thing sits mournfully on my shelf next to its illustrious predecessors, pleading with me to show it some love, and I really can't.

I must confess that I used the album to get me to sleep on a very late train back from London a couple of weeks ago, when I was unable to block out the sound of two women talking about the merits of one kind of curtain rail over another for 90 minutes without drawing breath. It was a very successful strategy. In all seriousness though, every Dusty album has its saving grace moments; where LWYL is concerned, these are 'I Just Fall In Love Again' and 'I'm Coming Home Again', the latter of which always brings a little lump to my throat.

On balance, though, I think the CD should carry a warning sticker that says something like: IF YOU DO NOT OWN ANY DUSTY SPRINGFIELD ALBUMS DO NOT BUY THIS ONE FIRST!

Rosie x

"she's a sweetheart except when she's moody/it's hard to get through to her then..."



DustysBoy
Where am I going?



Posted - 16/07/2009 : 02:30:27

Yep...I don't really care for this album too....I'd have to say You Can Do It is my favorite song on the album...followed closely by I Just Fall

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USA
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In Love Again....there the only two songs I ever really ever take the time to listen to all the way through....and Closet Man is ok too I guess...but the other songs...blah...I know Dusty could have done better.....there really isn't any energy or wow! moments in the album...but with my play list for this album...I added two bonus songs to the 10 original... You Set My Dreams To Music and Your Love Still Brings Me To My Knees to spice things up I guess lol....I always thought these songs go well with all the others...

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"

