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Carole R.
Where am I going?
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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 15:46:32

Life is full of 'What ifs' and 'Maybes'...and our decisions sometimes have an impact on the rest of our lives.

I thought it'd be good to discuss some of Dusty's 'What ifs' 😊

Dusty was offered the chance to sing The Isleys 'Money(Thats What I Want) as her first solo single.

What if she'd chosen to release that, instead of IOWTBWY?.. 🤔

Carole R xx

"I'm not as crazy as I used to be"...

humboldt
I'll try anything
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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 17:56:42

Carole, 'Money' was by Barrett Strong. It was never recorded by the Isley Brothers.

In answer to your question:

- 1. She would never have been offered it in the 1st place. Much too blues/R&B sounding.
2. Even if she had been offered it she'd have rejected it as it wasn't right for her. She needed a good pop song which is what she got.



Humboldt



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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 19:02:17

🙄 I stand corrected on the 'Money' singer.. Yes of course it was Barrett Strong..Thanks Humboldt. I am correct that it was considered as a solo single for her though aren't I?...

Okies.. Another what if...

What if Dusty hadn't left these shores in the early Seventies. In your opinion, how would her career have panned out?

Btw, these questions are only for fun... There aren't any right or wrong answers... 🙄

Carole R xx

"I'm not as crazy as I used to be"...



MissDustyFanatic
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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 20:44:18



Yes, Carole. Paul Howes states in 'Complete Dusty Springfield' that she was considering it as her first single, but ultimately went with IOWTBWY.

"And the answer will come back to you...like laughter in the wind..."



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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 20:45:29



I think that if she hadn't left Britain, she may not have made 'Longing', or perhaps may have done it and finished it there. Also, I think she may have been made a Dame.

"And the answer will come back to you...like laughter in the wind..."



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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 21:14:29



If Dusty had stayed in the UK I think the following may have happened/not happened:

1. She would have had better management
2. She may not have slipped into obscurity
3. She would have been around real friends & family to help her in her times of depression
4. She may not have taken drugs/drink
5. She would not have recorded 'Longing'
6. Being a big fish in a small pond is better than being a small fish in a big pond

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Humboldt



daydreamer
Moderator
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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 23:02:44



What if...
Dusty had stayed with Vic Billings.
Released Close to You before the Carpenters did
Done Vegas
The Look of Love had been a single here
Dusty had said no to the PSB's! (thank you, thank you 😊)
She'd been offered the chance to act in a film.

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A quote from Dusty on the "Money" front. "You may be interested to know for some time I wanted to record an upbeat number. The title? "Money", a hit now for Bern Elliott and the Fenmen. That was from Hit Parade, I've seen mention of it elsewhere too.

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."

Edited by - daydreamer on 03/12/2008 23:03:25



humboldt
I'll try anything
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Posted - 03/12/2008 : 23:07:41



<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3RKSUVU-xbl>
Bern Elliott and the Fenmen - Money



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The worst version of 'Money' I have ever heard!



Humboldt



MissDustyFanatic

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Posted - 07/12/2008 : 10:12:09



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Carole, am I reading that right? Are you glad she said 'yes' to the PSBs or would have been glad if she had turned them down?

What if she had released 'You've Got a Friend' before James Taylor? I like to think it would have been a massive hit and Atlantic would have released her Jeff Barry produced album.

"And the answer will come back to you...like laughter in the wind..."



Baby Blue

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Posted - 07/12/2008 : 15:23:01



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Gee I am not sure where I would fit in if Dusty's first solo song was Money. The version I am the most familiar with is the Beatles. I always thought the song was rather offensive, well at least to me.

Marty



humboldt

I'll try anything
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Posted - 15/12/2008 : 17:12:13



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What if Dusty had signed to Motown? Gosh she would have been given first dibs on 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' which is what she really wanted.



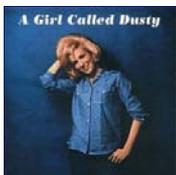
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Brian

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Posted - 15/12/2008 : 17:57:33



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I think if Dusty HAD signed to Motown Diana Ross would have cried and cried and cried 😊

However IF she had, what a wealth of material there could have been!

Brian



humboldt

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Posted - 15/12/2008 : 18:17:36



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Oh yes Brian, it's a wonderful dream. Ashford & Simpson & Ivy Jo Hunter wrote songs that were tailor made for Dusty. HDH were not bad either - lol.



Humboldt



mssdusty
I've got a good thing
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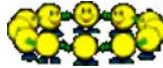
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HERE;S A WHAT IF FOR ME
WHAT IF DUSTY DIDN'T COME OUT OF THAT RADIO STATION TO BE IN MY MOVIE.
YES I WOULD STILL LOVE HER AS MUCH AS I DO TODAY 😊

MARY 😊

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THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



memphisinlondon
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Posted - 23/12/2008 : 13:21:06



What if Dusty had read the signs right after Memphis, bought her contract out, invested in property, bought a small house in the country (nowhere near L.A.) with a small recording studio attached, and became a low profile producer and song writer/singer collaborating with her musical friends. Basically taking time out until the times were right for her again.

What if Dusty had become a Californian health freak (apart from a relaxing joint now and then!).

What if 'Longing' had been completed perfectly, was a medium selling critical hit both sides of the Atlantic and gathered new fans.

If Dusty had joined Motown she wouldn't have got first dibs at anything and she'd be the one crying. She didn't belong in Berry Gordy's 'hit factory'. She said as much herself.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 23/12/2008 13:25:02



Dougie
I start counting

Posted - 23/12/2008 : 13:50:37



Hi what if???

I think she would still be alive!!! She still would have had the acclaim she has today and probably more. And many of us would be much happier!!

I would not even attempt to predict all the other possibilities and other aspects that may have been. I have however on many occasions thought of such a situation and the ramifications if she hadn't have gone to the states and if she had made other smarter choices. In retrospect it just makes me very sad as quite a few of us at the time thought it to be the wrong move. Staying with Vic Billings and her base support group of friends would have been very wise as it was Vic who did the deal for Kiki Dee for Tamla Motown without Kiki having to move or live in the states. It could very well have been Dusty!!! It was about the same time!!! More food for thought. What if they found Vic Billings and Fred Perrys diaries??? They would really make you think!!

Dougie 😊

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allherfaces
Administrator
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quote:

Originally posted by Brian

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Brian

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And what if she and Martha had recorded duets for Motown? 🇺🇸

x N

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



Baby Blue
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What if Dusty did a musical (or serious play) at London's West End or Broadway?

What if Dusty had more self confidence?

Marty



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What if 'Dusty in Memphis' had been a hit?

What if Ashford and Simpson hadn't signed to Motown and worked with Dusty instead? (That's the way I would put it.)

What if Dusty had signed to Rocket Records in the 70s?

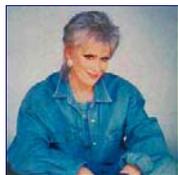
Those diaries would be great. What if Dusty wrote a diary or memoir and they still survive?

PS. Kiki's Motown album bombed. No white female artist made it there until Teena Marie in the late 70s - and she had to take Motown to court to get free. Dusty in Vegas? Wouldn't that have been a living nightmare for her?

Memphis
Ever since we met...



Clive
I'll try anything
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