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Will

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Posted - 17/09/2008 : 21:02:39

Suspend your beliefs for a moment. Imagine that Dusty was still with us. And if she was, what would she be doing now? What TV shows would she appear on? Would she be a guest on 'Come Dine With Me'? Or perhaps have her own chat show?

What do you think she would be doing now?

Will

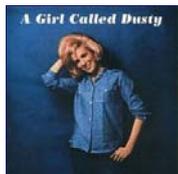
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Blog- <http://askyofhoney.com/>

Posted - 17/09/2008 : 22:43:38

Brian

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I would like to think she'd still be recording - perhaps 'standards' and 'classics'? I cannot see her appearing on reality type shows, but still making appearances on talk shows like 'Friday night with (awful) Jonathan Ross', 'Loose Women' - that sort of thing. IF she appeared singing - Jools Holland would most probably be HER choice. I could also see her as a judge on X-FACTOR!...it would frighten the life out of those wannabees.

Brian.

daydreamer

Moderator



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Posted - 17/09/2008 : 23:01:15

I'd have loved to have seen Dusty on Loose Women, she'd have been hysterical. I'd like to think that she would still have recorded but the studio was never her favourite place. I'd be quite happy to know that she was sitting in the country with her cats.

Carole x

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

Sarah

Little by little



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Posted - 17/09/2008 : 23:24:10

How funny- I was just wondering about this sort of thing today!!

I think she would have pretty much retired by now. I could see her occasionally on TV chatting about the music industry and differences through the years and such- I think she might have sometimes shown up on shows about the music industry etc as a respected point of view person to give her thoughts.

I could see her doing *lots* of private charity stuff for animals and other causes. I think she'd have spent most of her time just pottering about, having coffee with friends, going shopping and to horse races with Simon and pampering cats!

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MissDustyFanatic

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Posted - 17/09/2008 : 23:44:03

quote:

Originally posted by Sarah

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Oh, and ordering stuff off the internet. Imagine Dusty let loose on Amazon and eBay!

Oh no...I thought I was bad on eBay. Miss Dusty would have found it heaven!

I, too, think she'd be fairly retired, maybe doing the occasional duet with someone, or offering advice on music shows. We all know she was an ace at producing her own records, so imagine how well she could have done producing for others!

But I think Carole's and Sarah's scenarios are most likely. Enjoying a quiet retirement in Henley and doing charity work for animals, being with her friends and just enjoying her life.

"And I can play the game of life...to win"



memphisinlondon

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Posted - 17/09/2008 : 23:52:25

Yes, I too think she would be pottering around with her cats, being totally private and meeting up with good old friends now and then including her neighbours. She's just had a great time watching the Olympics and international tennis. Does she watch Eastenders or Coronation Street? I'm not sure. She's cut down on the cigarettes but her voice isn't in shape for the rigours of the recording studio. She's done all that after all. She's still available for TV and radio interviews when she feels like being treated like an icon.

And, very rarely, she pops into the Dusty chat sites under a unfathomable pseudonym (Simon has set her up with an Apple computer) and joins in the fun. No fans stalk or harrass her but she still gets a steady stream of fan mail which she and Pat answer. She travels but always comes back home. She listens to romantic classical music and gentle pop music. She's packed in a few life times and worked very hard. Now she's taking it really, really easy.

Memphis
Ever since we met...



Will

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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 00:14:34

What fantastic responses - I love them all and would love to take aspects of each and imagine a wonderful reality with Dust agreeing to the occasional recording (only when the song is right), spending most of her time quietly and out of the limelight, and being greatly respected for that, as well as for her opinion and her experience. Perhaps in the studio - but at the mixing desk and finally getting the acknowledgement she always deserved for her production and perfectionism in its best sense; and, from time to time, doing what

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Memphis described and popping on here quietly under a nom de plume, and chuckling at what we all write about her, then calling Pat and saying "you'll never guess what they've written now!". But please God, that she would never have become the Joan Rivers of QVC lol :)

And I bet she'd be a Dame by now, too. But would be too embarrassed to ever call herself that.

Last but not least, Dani Minogue would, I think, be out of a job ;)

Will

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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 00:30:59

I can't add much to the above, only agree with you all.

Of course one thing would have been different - we wouldn't have so much insight into her private life if she was still with us - as maybe certain 'Authorised' people would have kept it buttoned in her lifetime.. LOL

I think she would have been uncomfortable with the notion of people discussing her personal life over the net but would have been pleased with the residual attention and respect her music is now afforded.

T

'I still like Daffy Duck. Can't think of anyone I like better. Actually that's who I'm having an affair with. Difficult but rewarding!'



Tim
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 00:38:22

Good point, Tim. I guess we'd just be talking about her music and wondering if she was ever going to do a Tina Turner and tour at the age of 70! Thinking about it, I probably wouldn't even be here if I knew, as well as I could, that Dusty was alive and well and happy.

Memphis
Ever since we met...



Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 01:33:34

Dusty would have been/is younger than Petula Clark who is still going strong, so it's hard to say if our lady would be content with retirement and want to go on performing.

If Dusty was still with us, I think she would have changed her mind about Las Vegas. Most of the show rooms in the hotels are not set up as night clubs, but theaters and anyone who is anyone appears in Vegas now. I would love to have seen her perform in the lavish settings of Caesars. The Orleans where I saw Gene Pitney perform has a rather small intimate setting, which also would have been nice.

She might appear on our late night talk shows such as The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, David Letterman, Craig Ferguson, Jimmy Kimmel. Sadly, we don't seem to have any variety type shows anymore. I think she would have gotten on great with Ellen DeGeneres.

Dusty may have finally made a movie and perhaps done theatre as well.

Marty



musicfanatic

Posted - 18/09/2008 : 02:53:00

Little by little



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I think that Dusty might even be a mentor to some of England's finest young artists. I think of Betty ?? I can't recall her last name right now, but she worked with Joss Stone on her first album. I can't imagine her on Pop Idol or American Idol judging contestants; but somehow, I have to believe she would be at least, watching the show! I also think that she would be praised even more for her contributions to the music world.

I wish she were here to see all these artists who the press praises as the next Dusty Springfield. I would have loved for her to have heard that sort of praise more often. Goodness knows, she deserves it.
Millissa

I am extraordinary if you ever get to know me.--Liz Phair



allherfaces
Administrator
★★★★★

Posted - 18/09/2008 : 02:59:59



A fantasy I would add is that she would come to a fan celebration once a year or so, so we could all show her and she could see how much she is loved.

~You thrill me with a holy kind of bliss. . . .So closer (closer)



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Cas19
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 07:04:22



You've thought of it all...Loose Women, Cats, pottering and once a year happily talking to her fans. 😊

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



Will
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 08:11:07



And you'd be posting things from more recent newspaper articles, Mrs S ;)

Will

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True Will, and I'd like nothing better. 😊

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



Hampson
I've got a good thing
★★★★★



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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 09:12:14

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I think she would still be out there mixing it, doing the same old things that she'd always done (not the drinking of course) but helping various charities, getting into a bit of mischief where she could, generally enjoying herself. I think she would still have been appearing on television wherever she could, not necessarily singing but somewhere where she could give an opinion and maybe make a difference. And she might even have performed the odd song for us as long as her voice held up. You don't change just because you get older, you just taper it down a bit - I should know.

Wendy



Cas19
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 11:06:59

quote:

Originally posted by Hampson

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Wendy

I think you have something there Wend, maybe a bit of everything then?

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



Mads
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Australia
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 12:29:02

I'd like to think that she'd be at peace with herself and with her work, and that she would just be thoroughly happy - no matter what she was getting up to!

LOVE MADS.



Tim
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 12:30:34

I think you are right MS Hampson. Dusty would probably be very much



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like Bowie - who for all intents and purpose has practically retired but does keep his hand in by guesting with people such as Pink Floyd and Arcade Fire - I could see Dusty doing something like that.

And she would be great at interviews or indeed interviewing - funny and intelligent as always.

Talking of 'Loose Women' - I saw David Essex on there the other day. I'm sorry but he really can't sing his old material anymore - it was sad to watch him avoid most of the notes! To be kind - maybe he was saving his voice for the musical he's currently in?

I'm sure Dusty would know her limitations and play to the new strengths that age and experience can bring to us if we accept them.

T

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Brian

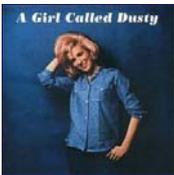
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Posted - 18/09/2008 : 17:52:23

David Essex couldn't sing in 1974!
It was awful to watch him on 'Loose Women'

Brian.



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humboldt

I'll try anything



Posted - 19/09/2008 : 07:16:03

Dusty would have retired to the country with her cats. Perhaps she would have taken up a hobby like painting and started writing her memoirs. I think that personal appearances would be minimal. Singing wise, if her voice was up to it I'd like to think that she'd have recorded one final album of perhaps Motown cover versions.



Humboldt



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Baby Blue

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Posted - 19/09/2008 : 07:27:33

Dusty might have recorded Lennon/McCartney covers too and perhaps some more Bacharach/David. I don't like to be negative and think her voice may not have been up to it.

Marty



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Posted - 19/09/2008 : 08:07:01

David Essex.... he was possibly my first big crush :)

Will

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