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JMFRPL

Little by little



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Posted - 02/03/2009 : 18:22:23

I can't believe it's already been a decade, like most of you. And a bittersweet anniversary it is indeed. For with me, the time we lost Dusty coincides more or less with the moment when the seeds of my fandom were first planted. It was when I heard a cover of "Wishin' & Hopin'" and knew I heard the song on the radio. A query of who had the hit led me to Dusty, leading me to buy a cassette (yes, it WAS 10 years ago, after all ;-)) version of "Golden Hits." Admittedly I just listened to W&H the most of all the songs, though.

Later, a little internet research informed me as to Dusty's condition at the time. Which gave me a bad feeling naturally. And then came March 2nd. A snippet of the song I would later know to be "Son of a Preacher Man" played during the radio's news...somehow I knew what it meant. I had yet to feel as deeply as I would, but I was bummed to hear of Dusty's passing. Maybe even then I knew it was like losing a friend you just met. And I forgot how I learned that SOAPM was on the "Pulp Fiction" soundtrack, which I owned. But I started listening to that constantly too.

Anyway some time passed and then I'd say it was around fall when I started thinking about Dusty again. I listened to more of Golden Hits, and I found the VHS (1999, remember...) of Full Circle. And then I started doing some research online about Dusty's career and herself as a person. Especially on one website where I met a certain man whose emails and friendship helped me a great deal as well (sidenote: unfortunately I wound up no longer friends with this person, but if given the chance I wish I could have/could patch things up somehow). He also made several Dusty mix tapes for me, which got me familiar with more and more of the great work she did over her 30+ year career. Then I found the egroup "Dustymail" and that started putting things into overdrive. I got to meet a lot of people there, and with them came more tape trades (audio and VHS...or should I say PAL :-)) and suggestions...but more importantly, FRIENDSHIP. And that definitely started a decade-long trend, as I know some of the best friends I've met or ever will meet were because of Dusty.

Also, because of Dusty, I developed a deeper interest in music and especially the history of it and when it's particularly good quality. She was the first Britgirl I loved, of course, and from there I would come to love Petula, Marianne, Lulu, and others. And many of the people who weren't from the UK but were Dusty's contemporaries or idols, like Anne and Peggy. Soon, I'd appreciate the world of our great ladies of music in general! And if it weren't for Dusty, I'd not be the Anglophile I am now (it started with Full Circle, which introduced Jennifer Saunders to me, which caused me to look up Ab Fab, and the rest is history!).

I do think my fandom has helped me as a person. Not only with finding real friends (which helped me to open up more to older friends), but also opening my mind to people of different cultures, preferences, etc. Somehow, I also felt myself becoming a gentler person in many ways, if that makes sense. I can still drive other people crazy from time to time (myself included!) but I honestly thinking finding Dusty has made a difference.

I still get sad from time to time over Dusty no longer being with us (and

how just like in life, sometimes she's still misrepresented). But other times when I watch a video or listen to a CD, it's like she's very much with us as always. And of course I'd be remiss without mentioning my "Dusty Moments." Numerous times she pops up on the radio and other places at the right moments! And I see her in my dreams from time to time...the most recent and interesting example was when I was feeling bad about something the day before this past Thanksgiving, but I didn't want to be in a bad mood for what would be my nephew Gavin's first Thanksgiving. Well when I slept, I had a dream about meeting Dusty! Yes indeed, she is still with us in so many ways! And I think that is something we can all be thankful for.

It's funny...I sometimes wonder if I'd feel differently about Dusty without the tragedy of our loss and of other things? There's something extra special about our love somehow. Spiritual reasons? Being able to relate to her more than other famous people? Maybe that and a lot more!

Anyway, instead of thinking this as her tenth year being departed, I like to also look at it as celebrating this as Dusty's 10th year as the angel I am pretty sure she's been :-)

Dusty = winner and still Miss Valentine!
(TLOL, YDHTSYLM, IOWTBWY = part of WCBS-FM's Top 101 Love Songs, 2009)

Posted - 02/03/2009 : 18:46:03

Will
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★



United Kingdom
7603 Posts

James, I smiled reading your lovely message, which was so personal and yet in many ways, probably contains elements common to several here. But it was your own story, it came from the heart and it was really lovely. Thanks for sharing it with us..

And if I could have one wish for you, it would be that you and your friend could start talking again - it's funny how the passing of time can soften our hearts and present solutions where, before, we could only see obstacles. Fingers crossed..

Will

"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."

Gallery: www.askyofhoney.com



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 18:48:41

paula
Moderator
★★★★★



USA
5012 Posts

thanks for sharing your Dusty story, James. I share a lot of your thoughts 😊

paula x



Sarah
Little by little
★



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Posted - 02/03/2009 : 18:53:58

That's a really lovely message and so eloquently written. Thank you for sharing.

Xx



Baby Blue
Where am I going?

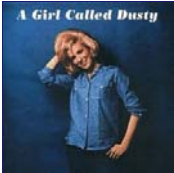
Posted - 02/03/2009 : 21:15:21



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Brian

Where am I going?



United Kingdom
2058 Posts

Very touching Jim. Thanks for sharing your story.

Marty



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 21:58:42

Although today is a sad occasion, please let us remember ALL Dusty has given to each and everyone of us here. Dusty had - still has the greatest loyal fans in the world. She has brought together so many of us in friendship. We should all be grateful. Please let us remember her today with love and respect, but also let's remember those Dusty fans who are no longer with us and raise a glass to the 'Dusty Community' wherever they may be.

Fraser O'Brien : Lynton Harvey : Roger Dollman-Telling : Colin Lench. To all the people who help to keep her memory alive : Simon Bell: Pat Rhodes : Madeline Bell : Carole Gibson : Paul Howes: Katy Setterfield etc. The administrators of this site and other sites, the disc jockeys who continue to play her music more than ever. And finally to EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US - the fans who love her for the wonderful person she was.

CHEERS EVERYBODY 🍷

Brian



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 22:07:23

Will

Wasn't born to follow



United Kingdom
7603 Posts

I echo your kind sentiment, Brian..

Will

"..so catch me if you can - I'm goin' back.."

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Posted - 02/03/2009 : 22:17:38

Sarah

Little by little



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Agreed. Cheers to everybody. 🍷



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 22:38:34

paula

Moderator



USA
5012 Posts

Cheers Brian

paula x



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 22:44:00

n/a

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Hallo everyone

18 Posts

I have just been watching Dusty videos - I miss her fire, her joy, and artistry.

Someone to aspire to.

love to all
anna

anna



trek007
I'll try anything
★★



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 22:45:43

A heartfelt post James.

Nice sentiments too Brian..I have just deleted a comment about how a particular site is administrated

Trek.
often called Carole.



United Kingdom
1100 Posts

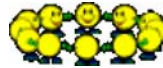
mssdusty
I've got a good thing
★★★★



Posted - 02/03/2009 : 23:00:45

HI JAMES
THANK YOU FOR YOUR STORY .WE HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR YEARS.YES THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY SO FAST.THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR MESSAGE.

LOVE 😊 MARY 😊



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



USA
5821 Posts

MissDustyFanatic
Where am I going?
★★★



Posted - 03/03/2009 : 01:31:13

Cheers, All!

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



USA
2606 Posts

allherfaces
Administrator
★★★★★



Posted - 03/03/2009 : 01:55:51

Well said, Brian!

To Dusty!

clink

x N

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



USA
14235 Posts

memphisinlondon
Where am I going?
★★★



Posted - 03/03/2009 : 02:08:50

Thanks especially to James and to Brian too. Very well said. I wrote a piece for this thread but cut it. It basically said:

Viva Dusty!

Cheers Everybody!



United Kingdom
3565 Posts

Memphis
Ever since we met...



Posted - 03/03/2009 : 10:35:16

Carole R.
Where am I going?
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2242 Posts

What a touching and articulate post, James.

I'm sure that those sentiments could be echoed in some form or other, by the majority of Dusty fans...

Thankyou.

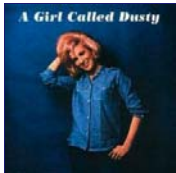
Carole R xx

"Let everyone debate the true reality, I'd rather see the World the way it used to be"



Posted - 03/03/2009 : 16:46:07

Cardiff Bluesgirl
I'll try anything
☆☆



United Kingdom
1809 Posts

great comments and I think we all feel the same thing about the great lady, she lives on in the wonderful music catalogue and we are lucky for that. I think she will be played forever. cheers Dusty and cheers to all of you too. great fans for a great singer. xx

"every day I find your'e in my heart and on my mind" liz mason



Posted - 05/03/2009 : 23:50:15

Chrispld
I'll try anything
☆☆



United Kingdom
1075 Posts

Totally agree with your comments Brian and James. Dustys music is timeless.

Chris



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