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by **boztiggs**

Posted: **Tue Sep 13, 2011 10:40 pm**

I had no idea where to put this thread. But ive ended up here. This is so surreal, and so out of the blue, and coincides with all kinds of revelations and reconciliations with my unknown family, everything seems to be happening at once. as you may be aware from other posts, I am in the process of finding relatives, mainly cousins, that i have never met etc, and have been finding all sorts of things that have been giving me an insight into my family, that i have never had before. anyway, earlier today, i had a message on facebook from a friend from my early days as a young gay man, and basically it was to say that they had found some videos taken of a night in our club when there was a comedy/drag artist on. This club was a small club, and where i spent my formative years as a gay man. It was open for 8 years and i went throughout those years without fail. So i was surprised to find that there was any footage at all. Then I found out that the video contained images of my first proper boyfriend, he was the DJ and his name was andy james, we were a couple for about a year and a half, i was new to everything and he was so so handsome, and all his friends hated me because i had turned up and stolen him off them. Eventually we broke up, for whatever reasons, and then a couple of years later, he just disappeared from the scene, and nobody knew where he was. He had gone home to die, as so many of my friends from those days did, and the virus took him very quickly. I didnt see him in ill health so my memory of him is as the good looking Andy that took me through my first years, and helped me to flower a little bit. But, I never expected to see his face again, this was the 80`s, we didnt take photos back then. So when i looked at the first video, when he came on, i felt heartsick/devastated/happy all at the same time, it was such a shock. I had forgotten how good looking he was, i had forgotten how sad it was when I was told he had died. I realised i had forgotten so many things. And now to the point of the post, as i was sitting there feeling all these emotions the video drew to a close and the artist had been and got changed, and came back on stage, dressed as.....

You guessed it, Dusty. ( i use the term dressed as very lightly lol) The last 20 seconds are " i dont know what it is that makes me love you so" When it stopped abruptly, i just sat there a bit stunned. For it to be right at the end, and its also the only footage ever taken in that club, seemed to me like a big dusty moment. I then found the next section of the video, where you can see the full performance. I also use the term performance very loosely also lol. But candy Du barry, the artist, also lost his fight against the virus. But I was there that night, it was a long forgotten memory that has sprung up to bite me. I know the the show is awful, but for her to put such a big part of her act into the Dusty medley, she must have been a big fan. Here are the two videos, I did try to post them properly but couldnt get my head round it, in the first video, Andy appears from 5.55 onwards for a few seconds. He was such a looker, i felt very lucky, god rest your soul Andy x

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAHKK0of ... re=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAHKK0of...re=related)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRFx0bq0hPU>

Neil 😊

## Re: A Dusty moment within a personal moment

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Wed Sep 14, 2011 6:31 am**

That gave me goosebumps!

## Re: A Dusty moment within a personal moment

by **Graham2010**

Posted: **Wed Sep 14, 2011 7:54 am**

I saw him in Bournemouth and he as so good. He ran 'The Entertainer' pub in London where DSB had one of their get togethers and of course Dusty visited.....he must have been so chuffed>

## Re: A Dusty moment within a personal moment

by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Wed Sep 14, 2011 3:40 pm**

that's crazy, Neil. I know catching that glimpse of him must've brought back a flood of memories.

he was very good looking, btw. 😊

oh, and the Dusty tribute wasn't all that bad! I was expecting a trainwreck, but he obviously put a lot of care into it.

RIP, both of them. 🙏🌹