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[A story about Petula Clark...real or not?](#)

by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Mon Jul 07, 2014 4:08 pm

A friend who is a fan of both her and Dusty once told me a story about him talking to Petula, and the subject of Dusty came up. She then remarked that she sent get-well messages to her when she was ill, but they all got sent back.

Can anyone confirm/deny this story? And if it was true, why would Dusty have Pet's mails to her sent back, do you think?

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by [donellac](#) » Mon Jul 07, 2014 8:17 pm

James,

It depends if they were emails. I believe that Dusty was receiving a huge number of messages at the time. Possibly her mailbox was filled up and the messages were just automatically bounced back.

I can't imagine anyone actually going to the effort of returning mail etc. All of them must have had much better uses of their time!

[Donella](#) x

Yesterday when I was young the taste of life was sweet as rain upon my tongue!



[donellac](#)

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[Re: A story about Petula Clark...real or not?](#)

by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Mon Jul 07, 2014 9:59 pm

I always assumed he meant post.

/If I knew what I knew now, and knew Dusty had an email, boy would I be in hog heaven!
//Or arrested for stalking.

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by [Sweetbaby](#) » Tue Jul 08, 2014 12:33 am



A lot does depend on the particulars: I do think it's more likely circa 1999 that a person of Petula's vintage would have sent her well wishes through the post. Perhaps she used the address of a business associate of Dusty's who was no longer dealing with her & couldn't be bothered to get involved, or Petula may have used a residential address from which Dusty had moved on. Perhaps things had gotten to the point where a concerned party had decided that Dusty shouldn't be bothered with mail - altho if that was the case it's unfortunate that this wasn't conveyed to Petula. Any road - I can't imagine that Dusty deliberately refused Petula's attempts to communicate with her: what little contact they evidently had was obviously amiable.

Last edited by [Sweetbaby](#) on Fri Aug 15, 2014 8:49 pm, edited 1 time in total.



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Wasn't born to follow



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by [A Girl Called Christal](#) » Tue Jul 08, 2014 12:37 am

JMFabianoRPL wrote: /If I knew what I knew now, and knew Dusty had an email, boy would I be in hog heaven!
//Or arrested for stalking.



I hope that near the end of her life Dusty knew how much she was loved by her fans and that it would have brought her some sort of comfort. Imagine having the opportunity to have Dusty as a pen pal. 🤝👉
Christal

[A Girl Called Christal](#)

Little by little



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by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Tue Jul 15, 2014 4:45 pm

Sweetbaby wrote: 😊 A lot does depend on the particulars: I do think it's more likely circa 1999 that a person of Petula's vintage would have sent her well wishes through the post. Perhaps she used the address of a business associate of Dusty's who was no longer dealing with her & couldn't be bothered to get involved, or Petula may have used a residential address from which Dusty had moved on. Perhaps things had gotten to the point where a concerned party had decided that Dusty shouldn't be bothered with mail - altho if that was the case it's unfortunate that this wasn't conveyed to Petula. Any road - I can't imagine that Dusty deliberately refused Petula's attempts to communicate with her: what little contact they evidently had was obviously amiable.

The fact that there was "little contact" is always surprising to me. But as time passed, I see that Dusty and Petula weren't as similar as I thought, outside of the obvious.

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by [JMFabianoRPL](#) » Tue Jul 15, 2014 7:00 pm

OK here is what my friend remembers:

Ah yes it was true I asked Petula if she had been in contact with Dusty during the time before her death. She told me that cards had been sent but unfortunately returned.

2:17pm
James Fabiano

Did she know why?

2:18pm
X

NO she just "sighed" and said she tried.

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