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[A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

■ by [BornTooLate](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 12:22 am

Hello all!! I had to submit paperwork this afternoon when I was at school. When speaking to one of the like...3 people I know in the building she told me to give it to Dusty. I said, ".....that's her real name?" She said, "Yes" and I said, "....how old is she?..." she said, "In her 40s, I think." I said, "Was she named after Dusty Springfield?..." and she wasn't sure, but I was about to meet her, anyway, so I figured I'd find out.

When I sat down to go over the paperwork with her she could tell that I was beyond stressed out (I can't hide anything) and was really kind and helpful to talk to. I somehow got on the topic of how I almost dropped out of my MA program two years ago and then I told her how Dusty Springfield saved my life. And I asked her if she was named after Dusty. She said yes and then told me her story...

In 1966 her dad, who was in the US Navy, was on shore leave in the UK for a day. He and some of his friends went to see Dusty perform, but they were too far away to hear the call for them to go back to the ship. They were very worried that there would be serious consequences for not being on the ship when it left, so Dusty got on the phone with whoever the senior person was and explained the situation. In turn, none of them got into trouble because of Dusty Springfield. So the Dusty I met today (her name is spelled with an "i" at the end...her mom's doing, from what she said) told me that her dad promised to name his first born daughter after her. And he did.

With the exception of this program, I was rejected from every doctoral program to which I applied and I thought it'd be a little while before I learned why. It's gotta be the hand of Dusty. This stuff is too strange to pass off as coincidence.

It made my day, and possibly my week. Or my semester. It's a good start to something, at least I know that.

~Carolyn

*Do re mi fa so la ti,
Let's get together and make whoopee...*



[BornTooLate](#)

I'll try anything



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Joined: Mon Oct 17, 2011 12:37 am

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

■ by [Cas19](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 9:43 am

Great story Carolyn, typical of Dusty always so kind and thoughtful. How cool to be named after Dusty.

Casx

[Something in your eyes](#)



[Cas19](#)

All I see is you



Posts: 23263

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [karen](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 9:46 am

Yes a nice story Carolyn , and Dusti , can't be bad .. 😊



[karen](#)

I only want to be with you



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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [Dottv86](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 10:24 am

Great story Carolyn. Thanks for sharing 🙏
Georgie x



[Dottv86](#)

I've got a good thing



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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [darren2722](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 12:17 pm

That's brilliant Carolyn. 😊 Wonder if Cilla Black had phoned the US Navy to explain the situation, it would have carried the same weight. 😊 😊
I Couldn't Ask For More



[darren2722](#)

Someone who cares



Posts: 7909

Joined: Sat Jun 16, 2012 6:12 pm

Location: Sittingbourne Kent

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [BornTooLate](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 12:21 pm

You're welcome! It's especially strange, I think, that I met an *American* named after Dusty. It is always really nice to make this kind of connection with someone. I've mentioned before that my advisor during my master's degree moved several houses away from Dusty's Toronto residence, but about three years after Dusty moved away. These kinds of coincidences make me feel like Dusty is kind of just reaching out and saying "hello." This also occurred on a day when I was seriously stressed out and it really turned everything around. But I've been seriously stressed out for about a year now. Haha. But I've had other things happen that have changed my academic path several times and I can argue for it being a result of the hand of Dusty. It would sound crazy to anyone

but the people on this forum, and for that I'm grateful that you're all here. 😊

~Carolyn

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [BornTooLate](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 12:26 pm

darren2722 wrote: That's brilliant Carolyn. 😊 Wonder if Cilla Black had phoned the US Navy to explain the situation, it would have carried the same weight. 😊😡

And Cilla Black wouldn't have had the right personality. If Cilla Black contacted me in that position I'd just say "I don't know who you are but you sound severely aggravating. Now they'll be punished even more!" Nah, I don't know. Haha. It depends on what she'd say, I suppose. In an interview Sandie Shaw stated that Cilla Black needed everything to be scripted. So I'm not sure if she would have been able to do it!

I'll never truly understand Cilla Black's ability to perform in the US when Sandie Shaw wasn't able to (foreign work visa stuff). Cilla Black wasn't even good looking...Sandie Shaw kinda looked like a supermodel. I complain about Cilla Black every chance I get. But I digress...

~Carolyn

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [Zoey](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 12:42 pm

Bless, poor Cilla! I wonder if they'd be able to understand her accent over the phone if it was her instead? 🙄

Anyway, that's such a nice story! Thanks for sharing. 🙏 I'm a great believer in fate (I completely understand why some people think it's illogical, but so many strange coincidences happen. So there must be a reason behind them...) and I definitely think Dusty had a hand in making things happen for you. 😊



[Zoey](#)

Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

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Joined: Mon Jul 08, 2013 1:07 pm
Location: Essex, UK

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [SweMaria](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 12:51 pm

Yes, that was really a fantastic story Carolyn!! 🙌

Thanks for posting it here! 😊

"I can't get you out of my heart" - Since I Fell For You



[SweMaria](#)

Can I get a witness
★★★★★

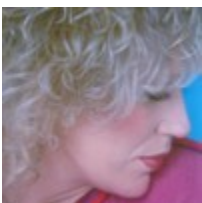
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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [villagegirl](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 2:52 pm

Nice story. Thanks for posting. 😊



[villagegirl](#)

I've got a good thing



Posts: 1142

Joined: Tue Jan 10, 2012 9:28 pm



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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [Beautiful soul](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 3:44 pm

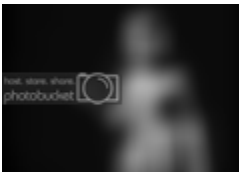
Who else but Dusty would be so thoughtful! Just when you think she can't get any better than perfect, she exceeds expectations again! I'm grateful for the

"hand of Dusty" moments in my life... There have been many!  

What a nice man to keep his promise to Dusty, and his wife for going along with his wishes. What a lucky lady Dusti is!

Thanks for sharing this story Carolyn!! 
Connie

I'm even interested in the Holland Years...



[Beautiful soul](#)

I've got a good thing



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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [Britpop](#) » Fri Sep 13, 2013 9:57 pm

What a fantastic story Carolyn, sounds like Dusty is looking out for youwho said ' You were born too Late?!'...

Good luck with your College endeavors.

S



[Britpop](#)

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [BornTooLate](#) » Sat Sep 14, 2013 1:58 pm

*Britpop wrote:*What a fantastic story Carolyn, sounds like Dusty is looking out for youwho said ' You were born too Late?'
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S

Haha I definitely was born too late. It would have been easier to research 60s pop if I could just go to 1964 and buy all of the magazines and go to the concerts and take them back with me. I recently watched Jurassic Park for the first time and when the researchers arrived and realized that their educated guesses on behavior of dinosaurs was right, they were super excited. If I could open a door and end up at the Brooklyn Fox in September of 1964, I'd freak out.

There's an online database (only institutions can subscribe) that is an archive of entertainment industry magazines. It costs over \$8,000 for a subscription so my library won't do it. So I was talking to a friend about it and said, "I guess I just need to write a travel grant proposal. To travel to 1964." (the New York Public Library would be just fine, though...they have it)

~Carolyn

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [Corinna](#) » Mon Sep 16, 2013 7:57 am

That story really made my day, too, Carolyn! Brilliant.

What are the chances you two should meet? Definitely the hand of Dusty at play here. 🍀

And those Navy people chose the right concert to miss their ship. Dusty just knew how to work people! 🎁

Cor xx

*Dusty Springfield, that's a pretty name
Pretty as a pearl
What a pretty girl*



[Corinna](#)

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[Re: A story of Dusty's kindness](#)

by [BornTooLate](#) » Mon Sep 16, 2013 12:09 pm

I know. I think it's so strange when this kind of thing happens. And it does happen!!

~Carolyn

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