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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 15:51:47



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I mentioned this on Dusty moments, but Bette had such a lot to say, I thought I'd give it it's own thread.

She chose Wishin' and Hopin' and said...

"Love that Dusty! She has such an idiosyncratic voice, you always know it's her. She's perennially vulnerable, perennially young and a perennial teenager with that kind of angst in the voice, that cry for help, you know, the little girl waiting to be rescued by the big white knight or whatever. I've always loved her voice, I think as a technician she's one of the best, she's a true soul singer. Lots and lots of heartbreak and she's another one who we always believe. She can't sing a bad note, never has, and every time she sings the song, it has depth, you know. That's what a great artist is, a great artist manages to make even the slightest pop tune, and this is a very slight pop tune, she manages to invest those slight pop tunes with meaning. I really miss her, I really miss her".

I'm a big Bette fan and to hear her talk of Dusty in this way, makes me like her more 😊 I've often wondered, apart from admiring each other greatly, how often Dusty and Bette met up. I'm sure I was told that Bette was in the audience at the Greek when Dusty was with Peter Allen but I don't recall knowing where else they could have met up.

Carole x

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

Edited by - daydreamer on 07/10/2008 15:55:04

Posted - 07/10/2008 : 17:32:45

Midler?

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 18:26:59

Sorry to be so vague, yes 🙄

Carole x

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



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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 18:45:04

Awwwwww! Thats really lovely what Bette has to say about Dusty. Thank you Carole.I did read it on the other thread, and promptly forgot...so thanks again.

Casxx



'Something in your eyes'



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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 19:19:17

Glad you posted that. It doesn't surprise me. I remember Bette in the audience was Dusty was inducted into the RR hall of fame. Maybe we need a quote from Bette on the website. Wouldn't be wonderful if a picture of them together surfaced.

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



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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 20:21:04

Yes I remember that too Nancy and how sad she looked. I know that Bette wrote a letter to Dusty just before Dusty died, basically a fan letter, and that letter went astray like a lot of other things when the house got cleared.

There is a Bette quote in Simply Dusty....

"There was never a voice in pop music like Dusty Springfield's. It was haunting, husky, full of secrets and promises, and once you'd heard her on a ballad, you were never the same. Her songs were like little scenes, and she never sang a false note. I remember singing along with her and trying to capture the essence of that wonderful vibrato. Bless you Dusty and thanks for the inspiration."

Carole x

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



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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 21:02:48

Thanks very much for the transcript Carole and for that information. I think it's time you wrote a book about Dusty! I listened to Bette on the BBC player just a little while ago.

My gut feeling is they would have met. Dusty would have loved Bette's early shows; surely she must have gone to at least one. The admiration would have been reciprocal. Bette didn't mention meeting her but what she said was terrific. We know Bette can invest songs with emotion and connect with her audience very well too - I guess she had a good teacher. I think I might listen to a couple of Bette's CDs tonight...

Memphis  
Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 07/10/2008 21:03:56



Will

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 21:18:50

>>I think it's time you wrote a book about Dusty!<<

I can't help thinking that if Carole did indeed do that, it would be the



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very book that all Dusty fans would want. And Carole - whatever else you do, PLEASE make sure you pass your wealth of knowledge on to someone, so it is never lost. Future generations will thank you for it :)

**Will**

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 22:32:21



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I put an exclamation mark on that reference like I wasn't being serious but I am being serious. Carole is a Dusty treasure and we have more original fans on this site too. They would write a great book but just notes would be fine - to pass on the baton. They are the people that stayed with Dusty through most of her life and beyond and tracked what was happening in real time as far as they could and actually met Dusty on numerous occasions.

Look at that photo of Dusty and Norma that Cas recently posted and all of Cas's press clippings. Read Carole's insights. Priceless stuff. I get the feeling that knowledge about Dusty is thinning out. Our super fans here are amongst the greatest sources of wisdom and knowledge. Their posts here make for a great archive. And it's a great privilege for me to be here with them.

Memphis  
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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 22:52:38



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Memphis, you say the nicest things 😊😂 I don't have a book in me, I couldn't even contemplate what it must be like to have to put everything in order like that. I have the greatest respect for anyone who can. If ever you read the fans letters in the Bulletin, it's obvious just how many fans have a great knowledge of all things Dusty and most of them aren't on this site. Cas will tell you her memory has gone and I'm tinkering on the edge of that as well! It's good to have the archive clippings and photo's to jog our memories, but there are far more knowledgeable fans than me out there. I think we should be grateful to anyone who writes articles and books about Dusty, just for keeping the flame burning. It can't be easy to convince publishers that yet another Dusty book is a good, profitable idea.

Carole x

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



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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 22:59:46



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Hope I'm not speaking out of class, Memphis, but you will get a taste of Carole in Annie's book, at least. Including photo/s !

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**Will**

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 23:04:05



It can't be that hard either, judging by the current rush of books - those publishers must know perfectly well that the markets exists and that saturation point has certainly not been reached.

While your words above are no doubt true, Carole, I think Memphis makes a good point or three and I echo those sentiments expressed in



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the second paragraph. And priceless stuff indeed. There are some posts I actively hunt out and zoom in on, when it comes to things Dusty; to preserve your modesty I shall say no more, but I think you can guess how that sentence ends.

As for your memory - get a prescription for Aricept or Galantamine then get remembering ;)

**Will**

*"..I tried so hard, all summer through.."*

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 23:06:40

If I could just chime in, you know that writing about it would help you remember things. But maybe you need a merry piper to collect all your stories, cause I'll be they aren't all in print +Moira's and Cas's and all the other 'original' fans you know.

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 23:07:39

Quick addendum..

>>I don't have a book in me, I couldn't even contemplate what it must be like to have to put everything in order like that<<

I understand that, when you consider the heavily academic process of gathering and sifting material and then writing something readable. But I'll bet your mother told you stories as a child and that you remember them even now.. I know I certainly do.

Thinking on that, I suppose in one sense, perhaps this is the gift you so kindly and generously share with us here. Here's hoping we all take them to heart, remember them and pass them on.

**Will**

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Posted - 08/10/2008 : 00:50:13

Oh Carol! I am but a Dusty fool but you know so much. You could write a book just about your own memories and Dusty thoughts in whatever order you wanted. Just writing them down in notes would be good enough. Maybe you could write with your other Dusty friends including Cas. You would all ignite memories through the process. Maybe you could start Carole's Dusty blog here in a special space on the main site and see how that goes.

When I saw that photo of you in Ireland and read your article about your visit I knew for sure you were someone special. When I read Sharon's book and realised you went to Dusty's funeral but had to wait to be invited in I knew you were really, really special. And, well - it's time I guess - I think you're great. Maybe you could just think about us poor Dusty waifs waiting for better information and leave us some notes of your memories now and then...please. 😊

Memphis  
Ever since we met...



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Posted - 08/10/2008 : 03:04:36



Just want to say that I'm so pleased that Bette chose that song. It was huge single in the US. And I agree Dusty made the most of it. It's the song I most associate with falling in love with (solo) Dusty. And I think under the "joke song" characterization, there is a lot going on.

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**Hampson**  
I've got a good thing  
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Posted - 08/10/2008 : 23:08:58



Well Bette was a woman of impecable taste.

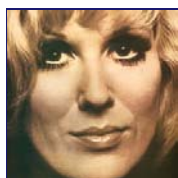
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Posted - 10/10/2008 : 23:10:16



I was on leave today. Had to drive to the post office to pick up a vinyl copy of Dusty in Memphis 😊 Bette came on the radio. She played Electric Avenue by Eddy Grant because it makes her feel good and the last record was Duffy's Mercy. She said this reminded her of Dusty (she didn't use her second name), the old soul sound and 'blue eyed soul'.

She also said she found it hard to get hold of good new songs. All the writers she knew seemed to have disappeared and no-one was queuing up to give her rock songs. Dusty used to say similar things except you have to substitute 'ravers' for rock.

Memphis  
Ever since we met...



**Berthavenation**  
I'll try anything  
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Posted - 11/10/2008 : 20:29:01



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*Originally posted by Will*

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**Will**

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It's on Youtube:

<http://nl.youtube.com/watch?v=FgJizZF2Dzo>



Frans



**Will**  
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Posted - 11/10/2008 : 21:22:33



Cheers, Frans :)



**Will**

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