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Clive
I'll try anything
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Posted - 30/06/2008 : 19:26:53



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Irish singer Dana recalls a 1970 flight with Dusty in her autobiography *All Kinds Of Everything* (Gill & McMillan 2007)

She writes:

" I travelled back and forth to Europe a great deal. One one occasion, a number of the artists including Dusty Springfield and myself almost met our maker together. We were on a flight home from Germany after having taken part in a television programme,when suddenly the pilot announced that there was a problem with the undercarriage and we would have to fly over the control tower at London Heathrow so that they could do a visual check.

Apparently the computer had indicated that although one set of wheels was locked down for landing,the other was not. Dusty had been very good to me on that trip;my luggage had gone missing with my make-up in it and while she let me use hers, we reminisced about the time she toured Ireland with her brothers as The Springfields and my sister Eileen had been the support act at one of the venues.

Dusty didn't like flying and when the pilot came back on to say that we had a serious problem and we'd be making an emergency landing,she was obviously petrified. Dick Katz [*Dana's agent*] had been trying to keep her as calm as possible,but Dad noticed that Dick was now intently scribbling away on a sheet of paper.It turned out that he was writing his Last Will and Testament in the belief that if we did crash,someone would find it in his pocket.

It was a very sobering moment as we touched down,but thankfully the computer was wrong and both sets of wheels *did* lock down as we landed safely at Heathrow,with a full emergency turnout of fire engines and ambulances.

When we were safely on the ground,we all had a good laugh at Dick writing his will at such a moment and even he saw the funny side of it,but poor Dusty was in bits over what had happened and her fear of flying intensified after that."

daydreamer
Moderator
★★★★

Posted - 30/06/2008 : 22:22:11



Thanks for that Clive. When Dana's book came out I read a review that mentioned the incident with Dusty on the plane and I looked in bookshops for while to sneak a read of it, but I never saw Dana's book anywhere. Could it be true that Dusty didn't like flying? I never heard that before.

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

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Baby Blue
Where am I going?
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Posted - 30/06/2008 : 22:34:15

I always heard that Dusty loved to travel. She wanted to be a free girl

and see the world ;) She always mentioned places she liked to visit such as New York City and Rio.



Marty

Edited by - Baby Blue on 30/06/2008 22:35:00



USA
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Will
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 30/06/2008 : 22:37:53

Remind me to cancel those plane tickets....!



Will
<http://www.mactastic.net/>

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



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Mads
Where am I going?
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Posted - 01/07/2008 : 01:12:36

Yeah I thought she loved flying!
Oh well, its still a good story 😊 I like that Dusty lent Dana her makeup!

LOVE MADS.



Australia
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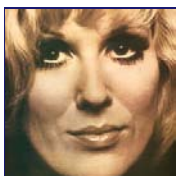
memphisinlondon
Where am I going?
★★★

Posted - 01/07/2008 : 01:41:49

I thought she loved to travel so much she'd go and watch the planes take off with Dougie or by herself. Mind you, that did sound like the plane could've crashed. Blimey! I'm glad it didn't. Maybe Dana is taking a dramatic liberty. I don't know how she would have known how that fright would have affected Dusty afterwards.

All kinds of everything remind me of you...

Memphis
Ever since we met...



United Kingdom
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paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 01/07/2008 : 02:11:55

me too..I have read many times that Dusty loved to travel and found it very relaxing to hang out at airports. I imagine it would be awful to hate flying when it's something you constantly have to do as a performer..and I'm guessing that flights took more time during the 60's than they do today.
paula x



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daydreamer
Moderator
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Posted - 01/07/2008 : 19:57:05

I mentioned this story to Simon and without saying anything about Germany, he said that Dusty once told him about a flight to or from Berlin where the undercarriage wouldn't come down, so that bit's obviously true. He couldn't recall her ever saying anything about a fear of flying though.

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



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Clive
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Posted - 02/07/2008 : 13:33:44



I liked reading of Dusty's kindness to Dana, lending her her make-up. It obviously meant a lot as Dana recalls it all these years later.



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Dougie
I start counting

Posted - 06/07/2008 : 04:49:23



Hi
We would often go out to Heathrow and have scrambled eggs, crispy bacon, tea and toast mostly after one of our many music talking nights. We would try and think of where the passengers would be going and silly things like that. I don't think she had any fears about flying. If she did she never said or even hinted at it..

Dougie

Australia
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