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[Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [booklover](#) » Thu Apr 11, 2013 4:38 pm

I put the term comeback in quotations because I know that, to us, she never went away and will always be #1. But I am curious if anybody remembers when "What Have I Done to Deserve This?" hit the charts big time. I have to admit that, at the time, I was so wrapped up with working and going to school simultaneously that I paid no attention to what was on the pop charts, never knew of the song, probably never even heard of the Pet Shop Boys. Sorry! But I'm sure I would have been thrilled for Dusty to have had a #2 song on the charts.

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I start counting

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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [mnmcv1](#) » Thu Apr 11, 2013 5:26 pm

Hi Paul! I think you may have actually meant *1988* comeback... 😊

since I was only 12 at the time i wasn't familiar with Dusty's first go-around with fame.

In fact, i had no idea the woman singing *Wishin & Hopin* on the oldies station was the same one on this new Pet Shop Boys record.

But I definitely DO remember when the song came out.

It was a big hit here in the US, entering the chart in December of 1987, quickly jumping into the Top 40 in it's third week on the chart, headed for the #2 spot. (On the Cashbox chart the song actually went all the way to #1).

So, I do remember...but it wasnt until a few years later that i made the connection of who this lady with the spiky blonde hair in the PSB video was... 😊

-markus

Everyday of my life, is fresh as morning dew...



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [Brian](#) » Thu Apr 11, 2013 7:36 pm

Hi Paul,

The year WHITDTT raced up the charts was in fact 1987. All Dusty fans should be eternally grateful to the Pet Shop Boys for seeing what we had known for years - Dusty should never have been allowed to go away!

Their forethought of persuading Dusty to make a 'come back' in this way was nothing short of genius. No other singer could have turned such a good record into a great record - and they knew it.


After the hit it went a bit quiet - no follow up as such, although Dusty did make the UK top 100 twice in late 87 and again in 88 (with her 'duet' 'Something in your eyes' with Richard Carpenter and then a re-issue of IOWTBWY). At least it kept Dusty in the public's mind...until 1989/90 when the fabulous 'Reputation' album gave Dusty her first top 20 album in the UK since ECUD in 1965.

Even more genius from the PSB who gave her 'Nothing has been proved', a brilliant song which fitted perfectly as the 'soundtrack' to 'Scandal' - the film of the Profumo affair which happened in 1963 - just as Dusty was starting her solo career..it all fitted like a glove. During this time Dusty appeared on many tv shows/chat shows etc - it seemed as though they all wanted her.

More hit singles followed - 'In private' (the most 'Dustyfied' song in years), the song that was a bigger hit in Germany than in the UK - the powerful 'Reputation', and one of the most beautiful 'fluffy' Dusty tracks ever - 'Arrested by you'. On the Reputation album there was a sticker which named 'I want to stay here' as the 5th single - but it never materialised.

Now, I'm not quite sure what happened next (someone here will - wait and see!), but Dusty didn't or wasn't asked to sign again with Parlophone/EMI...and it was another 3 years before the 'duet' 'Heart & soul' with Cilla appeared for a disappointing one week at 75 in the UK charts*

*This should have been a much bigger hit IMO

I hope this fills a few gaps - others here (especially Carole G ) will fill in the gaps.

Brian

"Live it up"



[Brian](#)

Someone who cares



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [Kyles Beguiles](#) » Thu Apr 11, 2013 7:59 pm

I remember hearing the song as a child and, being unfamiliar with Dusty or PSB at the time, thinking it was Annie Lennox singing the whole thing 

Years later when I discovered the magic of Dusty in greater detail, I was pleasantly surprised to learn it was actually Dusty singing the female parts of the song 

"This rusty dusty heart of mine

How you've made it shine..."

"When in doubt, turn the echo nob up!"

"So you're the little lady who makes all the music..."



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Where am I going?



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [daydreamer](#) » Fri Apr 12, 2013 8:21 am

Not much I can add Brian, that's more or less got it covered 😊 Except for the fact that The Silver Collection was released in early 1988, got rave reviews from everywhere and not only went into the Top 20, but also went gold. As for what happened later and why she didn't re-sign with EMI, I've probably only heard the same stories as everyone else. Dusty put it down to not being able to agree over a financial deal and it left her all at sea (record company wise) once again.

There's a part of you, that's a part of me...

Carole x



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [Brian](#) » Fri Apr 12, 2013 9:01 am

How could have I forgotten 'The Silver Collection' !! 😞

Brian

"Live it up"



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [jeffery](#) » Mon Apr 15, 2013 9:45 pm



88 thru 92 was my "country" period, and although my boss and I sang WHITDTT everyday, I still never identified it as Dusty's hit till years later. We worked in a resort hotel where there was so much drama we would also just look at each other, and simultaneously whisper "Scandal !" . He used to tell me, "That's Dusty Springfield !", but even though I had been a fan since the early 60's my mind was preoccupied with all the other fascinations of a 40 year old divorcee. It wasn't till the Dusty bug bit me in 2009 that I could finally appreciate the wide spectrum of her talent, and the impact her contribution to music

has on so many. 🙄

" The man with the child in his eyes ".... Jeffery



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [trek007](#) » Tue Apr 16, 2013 7:54 am

I remember it all and was so happy to see her on TOTP with the PSB.

Happy days.

Trexx. Often called Carole.

Ev'rything's coming up Dusty.



[trek007](#)

Can I get a witness



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [nevertoolate](#) » Tue Apr 16, 2013 8:42 am

Hi Paul I'm a new convert to Dusty and I am totally addicted to Dusty singing this with PSB. I have to watch the YouTube clip several times a week. Dusty is just FABULOUS. Would recommend 😊
Jackie

I'm coming home again - even in Brum you can be in the middle of nowhere

"The voice that haunted a generation"



[nevertoolate](#)

I'll try anything



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[Re: Do you remember Dusty's 1998 "comeback?"](#)

by [Sue](#) » Tue Apr 16, 2013 11:40 pm

I remember hearing it for the first time and feeling amazed when her voice came in. There was no internet or youtube back then, we relied on tv and radio for everything.

It was a brilliant collaboration. 🙌👉👈

Sue xx



[Sue](#)

I've got a good thing



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