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Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60209)

by **Richard** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 5:50 pm

Does anyone know how many tracks featured Dusty as a backing singer? I have a 1970 Elton John album 'Tumbleweed Connection' that has backing vocals from Dusty on some tracks. I remember Elton said in a radio interview in the early 1980s that Dusty was his favourite female singer and that he would love to write a song for her. I think Dusty could have done with a break like that in the early 80s. Such a shame this never happened.

I know she recorded backing vocals for an Anne Murray album. (Does anyone know if this was the 'Together' album?) Anne Murray does sound the most similar singer to Dusty I've ever heard, though Anne is somewhat lower in range. Rich.

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60214)

by **Clive** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 6:04 pm

Yes Richard it is the *Together* album. Dusty also did backing vocals in Elton's *The Bitch Is Back* but I've never been able to identify her voice on it.

Two good CDs to get which feature Dusty backing vocals are Madeline Bell's *Bells a Poppin* and *Doin' Things*

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60217)

by **terri** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 6:16 pm

I also think Bobby Gentry can sound like Dusty, but of course not as perfect! She is husky and sultry

sounding.

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60218)

by [Corinna](#) » Mon Jun 13, 2011 6:19 pm

A CD that we sell - Dusty as a backing singer - has 25 songs where Dusty sang backup under her pseudonym Gladys Thong.

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Gladys Thong Things

1. What The World Needs Now Is Love - Madeline Bell (1965)
2. One Step At A Time - Madeline Bell (1966)
3. Got To Run - The Echoes (1966)
4. Sho 'Bout - Thomas Jefferson Kaye (1974)
5. American Lovers - Thomas Jefferson Kaye (1974)
6. L. A. - Thomas Jefferson Kaye (1974)
7. Back Doors Crying - Peter Allen (1976)
8. Earth Children - David Lasley (1982)
9. Picture Me Gone - Madeline Bell (1967)
10. Beat The Clock - Madeline Bell (1967)
11. On Broadway - Carl Wayne (1972)
12. Till I Can't Take It Anymore - Carl Wayne (1972)
13. Spirit In The Sky - Carl Wayne (1972)
14. Someone's In The Kitchen With Dinah - Wee Willie Harris (1966)
15. I'll Do Anything - Doris Troy (1968)
16. Soul Time - Madeline Bell (1967)
17. I'm Gonna Make You Love Me - Madeline Bell (1967)
18. If It's Alright With You - Anne Murray (1975)
19. Sunday Sunrise - Anne Murray (1975)
20. Player In The Band - Anne Murray (1975)
21. Blue Finger Lou - Anne Murray (1975)
22. I Didn't Want To Have To Do It - Madeline Bell (1967)
23. Doin' Things Together With You - Madeline Bell (1968)
24. Why Don't I Run Away From You - Kiki Dee (1966)
25. The Bitch Is Back - Elton John (1974)

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60226)

by **jeffery** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 7:17 pm

♪ *Wheee-ee-e !* ♪

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60228)

by **Brian** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 7:23 pm

I especially recommend the Carl Wayne tracks on which you can hear Dusty quite distinctly. The Carl Wayne album is a Japanese release though!

Brian

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60241)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Jun 13, 2011 9:24 pm

Dusty can be heard very clearly on Peter Allen's 'Back Doors Crying' as well. I think that the whole of Anne's 'Together' album had a Dusty vibe to it, whether it was because Dusty featured so much or whether it was just the way Anne wanted it to sound, I can't quite decide. It's on Madeline's tracks that I think Dusty is most prominent though. Richard, if you want the full list, there is a "Gladys

Thong" discography in the Complete Dusty Springfield, all the songs she is known to have sung back up's on.

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60806)

by **Richard** » Fri Jun 17, 2011 5:57 pm

terri wrote:

I also think Bobby Gentry can sound like Dusty, but of course not as perfect! She is husky and sultry sounding.

Yes Bobby does sound a lot like Dusty, a lot lower in register as well. I'm not sure how much range Bobby Gentry has though, as I've only got the album she made with Glen Campbell. Dusty had a terrific range. She could use only part of her voice on a quiet track and really belt it out on another. 😊 Rich.

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60807)

by **Richard** » Fri Jun 17, 2011 5:59 pm

daydreamer wrote:

It's on Madeline's tracks that I think Dusty is most prominent though. Richard, if you want the full list, there is a "Gladys Thong" discography in the Complete Dusty Springfield, all the songs she is known to have sung back up's on.

Thanks. I've got this book, and I'd forgotten this was included. I've never heard the Madeline Bell tracks before. I'm off now to search youtube for them! Rich.

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Re: Dusty as a backing vocalist (#p60822)

by **st louis blues** » Sat Jun 18, 2011 4:55 am

Bobbie Gentry was a terrific songwriter. I discovered her about five years ago after reading about her in Mojo. Yes, she has quite a low register, but IMO does not come close to Dusty in range. For example, I think she has less control of her voice in the upper register. In contrast, Dusty can go from low to high with no difficulty. It's amazing to me to hear Dusty on the DIM album and then to hear her on the next album, Brand New Me.

If you can find Bobbie Gentry's "Ode to Billie Joe" it's well worth getting. However I highly recommend the CD "American Quilt 1967-1974." She wrote some great stuff and it's a great collection. It's a shame Dusty never recorded anything by Bobbie. I think Dusty would have done a great job on the song "Fancy."

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