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[Dusty the Diva?](#)

■ by [pat.dunham](#) » Sun May 05, 2013 9:12 pm

Dusty was often said to be awkward and demanding and a diva. She wanted perfection in her work and expected the same from everyone who worked with her. Diva?

This is what I call a diva. Beyoncé demands \$900.00 titanium straws for her to sip alkaline water, served at exactly 21 degrees. Her crew must wear pure 100% cotton when serving hand carved ice balls to soothe her vocal chords. This maybe press talk but probably true as who could make this up.

I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.....

..I'm goin' back.

Pat x



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Can I get a witness



Posts: 4601

Joined: Wed Jun 06, 2012 6:41 pm

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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

■ by [Tupelo Honey](#) » Sun May 05, 2013 10:35 pm

If this was Facebook I'd 'like' that comment :)



[Tupelo Honey](#)

Little by little



Posts: 20

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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [allherfaces](#) » Sun May 05, 2013 11:10 pm

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x

Bosseh

There's something in my soul that will always lead me back to you.



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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [darren2722](#) » Mon May 06, 2013 6:35 am

Agreed Dusty was only a 'Diva' in the musical sense, wanting perfection in her music, musicians and technicians, which is fair enough. 😊 However i'm gonna play Devils Advocate here and say I'm no fan of Mariah Carey's music buuuutttt- 😡 If I Paid thousands of dollars in Hotel rent I WOULD EXPECT

Heated Toilets which were whatever color I asked for, Pillows of certain fluffinesss Etc. Etc 🙄🙄
I Couldn't Ask For More



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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [BornTooLate](#) » Mon May 06, 2013 3:04 pm

I'd say Dusty looked like a diva. We've got to define "diva" though. If you're focusing on excessively extravagant lifestyle choices and irrational demands, then no (well...that's disregarding the crockery throwing and food fights). But there's much more to diva than that. The expensive evening gowns and elaborate wigs and such would make her fit into the diva camp. If "diva" means extravagantly sophisticated with a huge presence and talent, then sure. But there's nothing wrong with that. She can't really be compared to contemporary divas because it's so different. But how about Judy Garland and people from that era. Sure.

~Carolyn

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



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I'll try anything



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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [nevertoolate](#) » Mon May 06, 2013 9:20 pm

I think that Dusty WAS a diva in the way the word is used now, ie a talented female singer who is fussy and demanding, expecting a lot of herself and others. The word originally meant 'Goddess', which also fits the bill where Dusty is concerned 😊

I think these are all rather appealing qualities. I aspire to be a diva but am not sure I've quite made it 😊
Jackie

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

"The voice that haunted a generation"



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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [Britlin](#) » Mon May 06, 2013 9:40 pm

I Googled the word Diva and this is what I got.

A diva is a celebrated female singer; a woman of outstanding talent in the world of opera, and by extension in theatre, cinema and popular music. The meaning of diva is closely related to that of prima donna. Wikipedia

Prima Donna is Italian for "first lady".

Linda



[Britlin](#)

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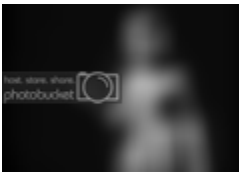
by [Beautiful soul](#) » Tue May 07, 2013 1:20 am

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I would love for Simon to elaborate on this observation and give some examples. It's frustrating to me to try to get a better understanding of Dusty with anecdotes that are incomplete. Was this in reference to a business or personnel behavior? It seems we never get the full story, just snippets we are left to interpret - which leads to inaccuracies. The truth will not change my love or respect for Dusty, it will make her that much more real to me.
Connie

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



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I've got a good thing



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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [allherfaces](#) » Tue May 07, 2013 2:15 am

Connie, it was a conversation of more than five years ago, so my memory is not clear. However, what I recall is that he was referring to Dusty asking him to show up at her hotel room--this was in the 80s, I believe. And the sense I got was, she expected him to show up if she asked him to. Sorry I don't have more details, but I do remember it distinctly because he responded to my statement that Dusty didn't seem like a diva with his conclusion that in this sense, she was.

x

Bosseh

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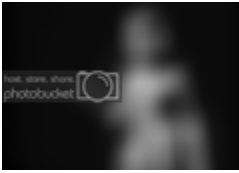
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[Re: Dusty the Diva?](#)

by [Beautiful soul](#) » Tue May 07, 2013 4:54 am

Thanks Bossch! That makes it much clearer. That's kinda Aries behavior-- I'm exhibit A-- we mean well but can be self absorbed. 😊🙏 thanks for the additional details, --- your memory is far better than mine over 5 yrs! 😊
Connie

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