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Dusty "Found Poems" Invitation

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aubade  
I start counting

Posted - 07/12/2007 : 19:55:19

Hi, folks--

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I'm new to the forum and wanted to introduce myself by suggesting something maybe a little off the wall, but here goes--this is a little (I hope) creative activity if you happen to have some time on your hands or are, like me, waiting for a load of laundry to finish 😊

I teach law and literature and every couple of semesters I teach a poetry-writing course. There is this thing that has been very au courant the past few years called "found poetry." You "write" these poems--create them is perhaps a better term--by taking lines from novels, newspaper stories, road signs, songs--anyplace you like--and arranging them into a new poem. I know this seems like a big cheat, but it actually is rather popular among some famous poets and it helps many students start to think about powerful language and how to construct a poem. It also proves that anyone can write poetry. Be assured that it does not violate any copyright laws--it is completely fair use.

So, I propose that we try our hands at writing found poems from Dusty's songs. They can be about a particular thing, or about nothing. Just start looking at the songs you like, grab some lines from each, and put them in an order that makes sense to you or that is funky--or, think about a topic you want to write about and find lines from various songs that discuss that topic. You may alter the lines somewhat and add a few of your own to fill in any blanks.

There are Dusty lyric sites various places (sorry, don't know them offhand, but I'll find them if anybody's interested), or you can just do a google or yahoo search for lyrics of a particular song.

If we get enough of these, I hereby volunteer to create a book of them and distribute them to anybody on the forum--but please post them! I promise I'll work on one, too. Here's a very off the cuff example--it won't be very good, but . . .

See all her faces,  
The look of love is in her eyes  
All I see is her.

(kind of a haiku, I guess)

Dottie

aubade  
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Posted - 07/12/2007 : 19:57:14

p.s.--Please give your poem a title.

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Dottie



**allherfaces**  
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Posted - 07/12/2007 : 20:51:10



Great idea. Lyrics can be found at A Girl Called Dusty...link via our webpage [www.dustyspringfield.info](http://www.dustyspringfield.info)

I've also though some cool poems could be made from stringing together some of the Dustyese phrases on that thread....

~Don't forget about me, now baby



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Posted - 07/12/2007 : 21:44:34



I Don't Want to Go On Without You

My patience is exhausted  
from a world that's out of touch.  
It's good for a laugh  
but for you I'd gladly change  
saving me just in time from a desperate situation  
in the midst of all my darkness.



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Posted - 08/12/2007 : 02:44:12



Good one Nancy. Ok try this one:

I walk where once the grass was green  
You will never know how hard I tried  
It seems like fog is settling in within your eyes  
After feeling right for so long  
We all like to climb to the heights of love  
Help me hold on to this dream

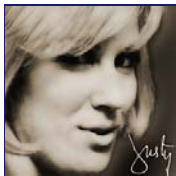
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xx  
Kathy



**Corinna**  
Forum Admin  
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Posted - 09/12/2007 : 12:30:00



Oh what a great idea, Dottie! =>

Hang on, I'll give it a try too.

Cor xx



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Posted - 09/12/2007 : 12:38:57



You came out in front, I was hiding  
And while you wait for tomorrow  
I will miss the wonder of magical love.  
Who cares what they're whispering?

Cor xx



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**Kathy**  
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Posted - 10/12/2007 : 13:53:33



Good one Cor 😊 Here's another (a little riske perhaps 😊):

I just don't know what to do with myself  
I just can't make it alone



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You wanna watch TV  
I just wanna stay here and love you  
Anyone who had a heart could love me too  
Saving me just in time from a desperate situation 🤔

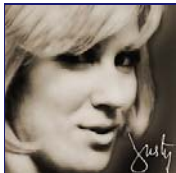
xx  
Kathy



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Posted - 10/12/2007 : 21:11:05

Oh là là, Kathy... 😊



Cor xx



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Posted - 19/12/2007 : 11:47:38

Well, come on people, surely you can make more poems that have so far been posted. Here's another to get you started again: 🤔😊



I just can't make it alone  
I need you here with me  
Aint no sun since you've been gone  
Just one kiss would make my life worth living  
I never meant to hurt you  
Oh baby, come back.

xx  
Kathy



**allherfaces**  
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Posted - 19/12/2007 : 14:54:45

Lovely one, Kathy.



Now let's rope some of you others in on this; it's not THAT difficult, and it's fun!

~Don't forget about me, now baby

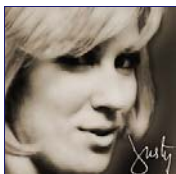


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Posted - 19/12/2007 : 20:22:26

This little poem is inspired by the downtime we've experienced the past few days! 🤔



Well, sometimes your friends ain't always available  
(but) I've found a paradise that's trouble-free  
See your name shinin' brighter than the sun  
And all my cares just fade right into space  
I'm gonna love you for the rest of my days  
Where ever would i be without you?

Cor xx



**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
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Posted - 19/12/2007 : 23:30:00

Sounds like all the stories about when the lights went out in Manhattan back in the 60s! 🤔





~ Don't forget about me, now baby



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**Kathy**

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Posted - 20/12/2007 : 02:08:24



Oh God, I'm old enough to remember that--and it wasn't just Manhattan, it was all of the eastern and part of the central US, and Canada, a huge area. We barely got home, traffic was chaos, there were no traffic lights working, and no petrol as the pumps needed electricity to work! I remember mum saying, "well never mind, when we get home we'll have a nice cup of tea". Yeah, right mum, in an all electric home! 🙄

OK now back to your regular programming 🌍....

XX  
Kathy



**Kathy**

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Posted - 20/12/2007 : 02:10:28



Nice poem Cor! 😊

xx  
Kathy

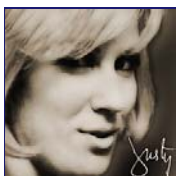


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Posted - 05/01/2008 : 12:39:04



Thanks, Kathy! 😊

I find this little game quite inspiring, so here's another "poem".

Sing to me  
Loveable lady  
I will hear  
Beautiful woman  
All the lines start to unlock my mind and I feel free  
Now to you it might seem a little thing  
The winter's night gives way to a warm summer's day

Cor xx



**Kathy**

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Posted - 05/01/2008 : 12:45:13



Hey that's really nice Cor. 😊 I haven't had time to work on these lately, but I'll give it some thought over the next few days.

xx  
Kathy



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**Cas19**

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Posted - 05/01/2008 : 13:08:37



All the poems are really good, some quite moving. I have had a go.

I JUST THINK OF YOU



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I just think of you  
Hear what I'm saying  
My hearts on ice  
Our love was real  
For a life time or a day  
The look of love  
Don't ever go.

Casx



**allherfaces**  
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Posted - 05/01/2008 : 17:03:28

Awww lovely, Cas, and nice to see a new 'poet' in our midst.



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Posted - 06/01/2008 : 12:56:55

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Posted - 06/01/2008 : 17:03:50

Lovely, Cas!

Cor xx



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**Kathy**  
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Posted - 16/01/2008 : 12:57:41

Thank you thats kind.

Casx



OK here's another one using some of Dusty's "darker" lines:



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Posted - 16/01/2008 : 13:18:47

One day out of a clear blue sky  
I hear the lightening and thunder  
You leave me lying with my head in my hands  
It's what I get from loving you  
Don't say the words that you'll regret  
Let's kiss and wish each other love

xx  
Kathy



Oh, that's beautiful, Kathy. You found the perfect lines!



Cor xx



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**Kathy**  
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Posted - 16/01/2008 : 13:23:28

Thanks Cor. It was inspired by a stormy time some weeks ago. 😊😊



xx  
Kathy



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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 12:08:15

🙏 I hope the storm has passed now, Kathy.



Cor xx



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**Cas19**  
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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 12:50:21

Yes that is so lovely Kathy, amazing how these words from Dusty songs can inspire us.  
I too hope things have settled.  
Casxx



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**Kathy**  
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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 12:56:21

These poems are quite cathartic! 😊 It's amazing how you can always find the lines in Dusty's songs to suit your mood or what you are feeling.



Storms pass, but sometimes leave damage in their wake that takes a while to rebuild.

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xx  
Kathy



**Cas19**  
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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 13:06:33

I tried again.....



Somebody tell me  
Where did he go  
Cold are the days  
Now and then I call your name  
I'm all cried out and hurting deep inside  
I wish I'd never loved you  
I have no right (but) come for a dream  
Come and stay

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We were alone  
Until she came between.

Casx



**Kathy**

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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 13:15:43

Good one Cas. I'll try a happier one for my next attempt--I'm working on it!



xx  
Kathy



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Posted - 17/01/2008 : 16:41:59

I really like the drama in your poem, Cas. To me, it felt like thunder clouds were building up for every line, and in the last line - thunder and lightning.



Beware of jealous women!

Cor xx



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