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■ by [st louis blues](#) » Sun Jun 03, 2012 5:53 am

A few months back I posted a blog by a critic saying Lulu was a better R&B singer than Dusty. I thought I would mention some quotes from fellow performers regarding Dusty. All of the info comes from the book by Laurence Cole.

Steven Van Zant wrote 'Springfield was a great soul singer hidden inside a white British pop queen.'

Dionne Warwick from Disc 1964: 'you know, when I first heard Dusty, I thought she was colored. She has such a soulful sound'.

Marianne Faithful in Melody Maker 'Dusty's songs are marvelous'. Sandie Shaw names her along with Ray Charles and James Brown as a favorite singer in NME.

Record Mirror 1965 'you should hear Dionne rave on and on about OUR Dusty. The Tamla crowd dote on her. Doris Troy rates Dusty tremendously. Martha there's another Dusty "digger."

Dave Clark 'She was a white lady who should have been black. She had black mascara and a black soul'.

Nina Simone in Melody Maker 1968 regarding Dusty 'she sounds a lot like one of our singers, Aretha Franklin'.

Annie Lennox 1988 described Dusty as 'one of the few white singers who, if you shut your eyes, you'd think you were listening to a black singer'.

Ray Coleman in Melody Maker from 1977 reports Motown singer Mary Wells sending him a card in the mid-Sixties saying 'her friends at Tamla Motown in Detroit were AMAZED at her discovery of this white girl who sounded more black than some blacks'.

Inez Foxx, who recorded the song "Mocking Bird" said of Dusty 'I think she is so underrated. This girl is really tremendous'.

Baby Washington commented 'she's very close to the style I sang the songs in, and she's done an excellent job'.

There are a couple of different views; a writer by the name of Jim Irvin wrote 'I don't believe Dusty was the "great British soul singer" as she's too emotionally guarded'. In addition he dismissed her dresses as 'awfully square frocks', which Dusty was 'constrained by'. 🙄

These are a few that I found. What her fellow performers said carries more weight with me than what a noted Jazz critic may have said. I wonder why Jim Irvin thought she was too detached?

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I'll try anything



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■ by [allherfaces](#) » Tue Jun 05, 2012 2:42 am

What a wonderful collection of quotes! Thank you. 😊

x

Bosseh

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



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Someone who cares



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[Re: Fellow performers and Dusty](#)

by [mnmcv1](#) » Tue Jun 05, 2012 10:50 pm

thanks so much for posting this!!! I LOVE that Laurence Cole book! I won it in the DD raffle last year and read half of it on the flight back home. I clearly remember most of the comments, especially the Nina Simone quote (which i found interesting for obvious reasons 😊).

But yes, that book is probably in my Top 3 of favorite Dusty books. 🙌

WHO is Jim Irvin? The "square frocks" is debatable, but whatever. Emotionally guarded??? 🗨️

-markus

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



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by [trek007](#) » Sun Jun 10, 2012 2:27 pm

Don't know who Jim Irvin is but some people associate screaming and shouting as emotion when singing, maybe Jim is from this school of thought! We all know however that to convey real emotion in a song this way of singing is not necessary.

Trexx. Often called Carole.

Ev'rything's coming up Dusty.



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Can I get a witness



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Re: Fellow performers and Dusty

by [boztiggs](#) » Sun Jun 10, 2012 3:23 pm

I think Jim Irvin is a deaf person that lives in cuckoo land

Neil 😊

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I've got a good thing



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