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### Goin' Back,Lyrics (#p153670)

by **pat.dunham** » Fri May 23, 2014 7:53 am

I wonder why Dusty changed the odd lyric in Goin' Back.  
Carole King with her original version:-

Dusty's beautiful version,with changed lyrics.

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### **Re: Goin' Back, Lyrics (#p153688)**

by **darren2722** » Fri May 23, 2014 2:28 pm

Here's the weird thing Pat, Carole (or Gerry) *changed* the lyrics for Carole's version of Goin' Back which was released *after* Dusty's 'Original' version in 1966. Although it is stripped down and (at least to me) sounds like a demo, Carole's version appeared on her Debut album *Writer* released in 1970 just before *Tapestry*, although I suppose it could have been recorded years before. 🙄

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### **Re: Goin' Back, Lyrics (#p153692)**

by **pat.dunham** » Fri May 23, 2014 2:59 pm

Thanks for that Darren. Just for fun I listened to one of the many people who have recorded it - guess what, Freddie Mercury uses a mixture of both lyrics. So everyone is right I suppose . I wonder who gets the royalties?

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### **Re: Goin' Back, Lyrics (#p153703)**

by **countrycake** » Fri May 23, 2014 7:38 pm

Gerry Goffin's lyrics as originally written were intended to be sung by a man, hence the references to 'no more electric trains no more trees to climb'. Both he and Carole King were keen for Dusty to record Goin' Back after they heard her version of Some Of Your Lovin'.

Dusty couldn't make up her mind whether the song was commercial enough and played CK's demo of it at one or more gatherings in the block of flats she lived in during late 1965. Many of her neighbours there were in the business. One of them was Goldie, formerly of Goldie & the Gingerbreads, who heard Dusty play the demo. In January 1965 Immediate scheduled for release a

single of Goin' Back by Goldie. The lyric on this recording, a copy of which I have, is largely made up by Goldie with a few bits of the original lyric she could remember. Goffin and King's publishers took legal action in the UK to stop the single being issued and Immediate withdrew it. It eventually was released in 1997 on a Renaissance CD titled The Best of Immediate and is truly dreadful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTUI8uaD7d0> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTUI8uaD7d0>)

Goldie's version made G&K even more keen to have Dusty record it. Goffin re-wrote some of the lyrics for her and she eventually recorded it in June 1966.

Carole King has issued two commercial versions of Goin' Back and both times she sings the masculine lyrics. The first was issued in 1970 on the album Writer. The original LP and the CD re-issue both state that the tracks on this album were recorded in March/April 1970. This recording has backing vocals from James Taylor and is definitely not King's original demo. This is the recording that Pat has posted above.

The second commercial version by King was recorded in January 1980 and released later that year on the album Pearls.

Both of the two CK recordings omit the lines:

Let everyone debate the true reality  
I'd rather see the world the way it used to be.

The Byrds also omit these lines in their 1967 version.

As far as I am aware, CK's original demo has not been issued commercially.

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## **Re: Goin' Back, Lyrics (#p153705)**

by **pat.dunham** » Fri May 23, 2014 8:18 pm

Thanks so much Jim, very interesting. Dusty's version does it for me every time.

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