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by **st louis blues**

Posted: **Sun Jan 15, 2012 6:03 am**

I know many of you are like me and enjoy googling for info about Dusty. Every once in while I'll google her in the book section. It's amazing how often her name comes up in books. For example, last night I found a mention in Rick Springfield's biography. He wrote that when he first started going to concerts Dusty was one of the first he saw. A friend of his family was a DJ and took Rick's concert program to party so Dusty could autograph it. It was the first autograph Rick ever received. I found this next info from a book by Carl Bean. Madeline is also mentioned.

We were all excited when the great English soul singer, Dusty Springfield, showed up at a rehearsal accompanied by Madeline Bell, who had been a Bradford singer, along with Calvin White, during the Black Nativity run in London. That's where Dusty, Madeline, and Calvin had become friends. Madeline wanted to show Dusty Harlem. We were Dusty fans and wanted her to sing along with us. "Oh, no," she said at first. "I can't sing gospel." "Girl," I said. "You can sing anything." Reluctantly, Dusty started singing and the result was magical. She blended in beautifully. That evening, when we walked over to a rib restaurant on 125th Street, singing all the way, she came along, absolutely thrilled to be in the heart of Harlem. Rapport was easy and natural. Her heart was with black people and black music. For those many hours we were together, Dusty became a Gospel wonder! Carl Bean

I wonder what year this happened. Is this the same guy who wrote or recorded "Born This Way."

Re: Google and Dusty

by **SweMaria**

Posted: **Mon Jan 16, 2012 12:25 pm**

Thanks for your information St Louis Blues! 😊

I just want to ask you if the book written by Carl Bean is "I was born this way" from 2010? I have seen this book here at the library where I'm working.

I don't know what year Dusty was in Harlem but my guess is 1965 🙄 😊
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Re: Google and Dusty

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger**

Posted: **Mon Jan 16, 2012 7:54 pm**

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It must have been a subsequent trip and maybe Dusty just looked surprised as Madeline showed her around a neighbourhood she already knew.

Maggie

Re: Google and Dusty

by **st louis blues**

Posted: **Tue Jan 17, 2012 3:40 am**

Yes, I think that was the title of the book.

Re: Google and Dusty

by **BornTooLate**

Posted: **Sat Jan 21, 2012 2:15 am**

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Hey- great info! FYI: I'm completely obsessed with Dusty's work with the Motortown Revue, especially the Murray the K shows in September 1964. I'm not sure when she was at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, but the way she talked about it in an interview, she was definitely "in with the band" so to speak.

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That hotel is in Harlem. Brooklyn is kind of far away from there, and if the Murray the K shows started in the morning, she probably stayed close to the theater (UNLESS the Motown acts had to stay in Harlem due to racial issues? I'm not well versed in regional specifics concerning racial issues). So I'm guessing she didn't stay there in September 1964?...

Also: The Murray the K shows were in the 1st or 2nd week of September, and the NYC EP was recorded the last week of September, according to Paul Howes (I read this a few hours ago, actually...nerd alert). Without sounding creepy, it seems as though her whereabouts during September 1964 are accounted for haha.

AND isn't the purple-skirt-suit photo shoot from September 1964? I wonder if it was at the beginning or the end. I love this kind of stuff...it's like detective work.

So, to feed my NYC 1964 obsession, I must ask: Where did you hear about the specific hotel? I'm finding every piece of information I can find about that trip. I may or may not have spent \$175 on a concert program from the show...

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The information about Dusty's stay at the Hotel Teresa during her run at the Brooklyn Fox is in *Dancing With Demons*. Dusty booked herself in there, I suppose because she was fascinated with Harlem, and probably didn't realize how far it was from Brooklyn. I don't know where the Motown acts stayed but I wouldn't be surprised if they were a little closer to the theater.

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by **jeffery**

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😏 Don't laugh about that Motown forum Carolyn. Go for it ! Reach out ! Trust your instinct. Just be respectful about it. That seems to be a good witness pool, and as a "detective" you're obligated to question them. Time is running out. Those with the answers you're looking for are only getting older, or passing on. 😞

