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Guess Who? (#p6267)

by **mnmcv1** » Wed Feb 10, 2010 2:49 am

aside from the big hits & usual suspects ("I Only Want to Be With You", "I Just Don't Know What to Do With Myself", etc), this could be my favorite Dusty track, pre-1966.

okay, maybe it's a tossup between this and "Summer is Over".

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyWsBbSV8XM[/youtube]

okay, maybe "24 Hours From Tulsa", too. 😊

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6276)

by **Paula** » Wed Feb 10, 2010 3:13 am

😊 no. it's not easy, is it Markus?

Paula x

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6360)

by **Jeffery** » Wed Feb 10, 2010 9:37 pm

👍👍👍 "Guess Who" Definitely one of my faves ⭐ !

It's so different from all the other songs. It "dramatizes" your attention with that heavy string bass and bow introduction. Then it begins with the chorus instead of the verse. Her vocal is so mournful, plaintive, and almost howling with remorse. Then it just fades away like love trickling down the drain.

"My friends they all told me... be careful when you hold me,...and I was!" GAD ! I can't wait to get home so I can play it again. 👍

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6368)

by **Daydreamer** » Wed Feb 10, 2010 10:33 pm

I would have to go for the big drama of I Wish I'd Never Loved You, I never tire of listening to it. It's a performance that showcases just what Dusty could do with a ballad....and so early on in her career as well.

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6373)

by **Corinna** » Wed Feb 10, 2010 10:47 pm

'Guess who' has always been a favourite of mine in the 'gloom & doom' dept. ... 'Who (will take my place)' also.

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6416)

by **Hampson** » Thu Feb 11, 2010 10:19 am

This is one of my Dusty favourites too. The minute I heard it I was hooked. It's so different, in a way I can't describe - but I never tire of it.

With a lot of artists it takes me 3 or 4 plays before I get hooked, but Dusty had the knack of grabbing you by the throat immediately - you will like this, you will like this. AND I DO.

Wend

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6494)

by **paula** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 12:09 am

I love 'Guess Who' . very different. The way Dusty uses different affectations throughout the song the soft high "Where's the girl who hurt herself last night"...to the lazy, sexy "and I was" ..and then she tears into

"I told my friends he'll never get my heart". love it 😊

paula x

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6507)

by **jeffery** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 3:07 am

🌹 She makes you "know" he's already got her heart... and it's breaking! 🌹

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6519)

by **daydreamer** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 9:09 am

Guess Who is a typical (of the era) girl group song. The questioning of herself, berating herself for letting him go. You can imagine it being sung by the Shangri La's or Ronettes.

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6570)

by **Corinna** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 3:28 pm

But surely Dusty's song must have been a little extra gloomy? Or maybe I just know too little of that era... I'm instantly reminded of 'Past, Present and Future' for some reason, though.

[youtube]<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3hCZiTNric>[/youtube]

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6571)

by **karen** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 3:42 pm

I think if Dusty had talked her way through this one Cor, we would have all been in tears , haven't heard this for a l...ong time. 😞

Karen.x

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6575)

by **Corinna** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 4:40 pm

Absolutely, Karen, total tearjerker. Think I'll post Agnetha's version on the ABBA thread, she's stunning!

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6588)

by **mnmcv1** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 5:57 pm

@Corinna-

"Past, Present and Future" has to be one of the most disturbing songs in pop music history.

"don't try to touch me...'cause that will never...happen...again...shall we dance?"

well, at least no one dies at the end (which seemed to happen alot in Shangri-Las songs), but that subject matter is kinda rough to listen to. The waltz offsets the lyric. Definitely one of the most fascinating songs made that decade (or any other)...

as for "Guess Who", Dusty's resignation that "it's too late", with the little riff she pulls and the mournful adlibs she does at the end seal it for me. I know the subject matter is typical girl-group dilemma, but Dusty's voice, like always, sets it apart. The pain's a little more tangible...

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Re: Guess Who? (#p6603)

by **jeffery** » Fri Feb 12, 2010 7:56 pm

Has anyone other than Dusty covered "Guess Who"? I just never get tired of hearing Dusty do it. Shear artistry!

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Re: Guess Who? (#p7171)

by **Baby Blue** » Tue Feb 16, 2010 11:44 pm

IMHO, Dusty owns "Guess Who" no one else comes close!!!

Marty

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