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I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56660)

by al14 » Sat May 14, 2011 11:46 pm

Here is the link. http://youtu.be/lcbzR2QwXBc (http://youtu.be/lcbzR2QwXBc)

Being from Seattle, this is an appropriate theme song for us.

For awhile, I have been thinking about my favorite Dusty songs and this one keeps ringing in my ear. ITIGTRT is a great song on its own but Dusty's emotional interpretation is phenomenal. Neil Diamond, Bette Midler, Judy Collins, and Randy Newman, of course, gave it a try. But as usual, no contest. Dusty wins.

Enjoy.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56661)

by **jeffery** » Sun May 15, 2011 2:41 am

Randy Newman wrote the song, and although I can't deny he is a great songwriter I'll always have a chip on my shoulder about him because I've never ever heard him mention a thing about Dusty's interpretation of the song.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56737)

by Tommy Stevens » Sun May 15, 2011 4:03 pm

jeffery wrote:

[:(!] Randy Newman wrote the song, and although I can't deny he is a great songwriter I'll always have a chip on my shoulder about him because I've never ever heard him mention a thing about Dusty's interpretation of the song.

I wouldn't hold that against him. He might not even have heard it. Besides, I don't think he talks about anyone's version of his songs much. Maybe Linda Ronstadt because they're friends, but I don't think he talks about Gene Pitney's of "Just One Smile," or BS&T's version, for that matter. And I'm pretty sure he's never mentioned this:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H01EzJ7POc8[/youtube] Now that I think of it, "Just

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One Smile" would have been a great song for Dusty to do.

Or this, which is one of the best records I know:
[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKfxqWgGRBQ[/youtube]

As for Dusty's "I Think It's going To Rain Today," Dusty gets it exactly right here. It's a song that requires delicacy and it's very easy to oversing it (Nina Simone, a fine vocalist, fell into that trap.), but Dusty sings it straight, with just enough vocal technique that she raises the emotional content but not enough that you notice she's doing it.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56748)

by **jeffery** » Sun May 15, 2011 4:56 pm

Probably right about Randy. Not in his nature to compliment anyone. Whereas someone like Burt will compliment the many artists who cover his songs.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56751)

by al14 » Sun May 15, 2011 5:21 pm

It's a shame that Randy Newman has not recognized Dusty for her interpretations of ITIGTRT as well as "I Don't Want to Hear it Anymore." Actually, Dusty considered "I Don't Want To Hear It Anymore" her favorite song on "Memphis."

Along with Randy Newman, Carole Kings' songs were tailor-made for Dusty. However, unlike Newman, Carole has recognized Dusty's talents and has vocalized it on many occasions.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56771)

by daydreamer » Sun May 15, 2011 7:36 pm

Somewhere, there IS a quote from Randy Newman on Dusty but I know that trying to find it will drive me mad If I do come across it at some point, I'll come back here. I like ITIGRT, but even though I know it was a favourite of Dusty herself, I don't LOVE it. Not sure why, it just doesn't do things for me as a song. One song of Newman's that I do love is Feels Like Home, especially Bonnie Raitts version, and I think it would have been perfect for Dusty.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56776)

by **jeffery** » Sun May 15, 2011 8:17 pm

🔯 Don't get me wrong. I like Randy's songs.

Short People: For example is novel, but I love it's poignance.

I Love L.A.: Well of course he would, but I don't!

I've been wrong before: One of my favorites, and I love the way Simon did it at Dusty Day. (09 or 10)

ô Yeah, he's kinda genius which probably lends to him being a little aloof.

Good luck trying to find that complimentary quote.

The song I'm singing right now is: I know it's raining today. 😉

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56792)

by **humboldt** » Sun May 15, 2011 10:45 pm

I love Dusty, Judy & Nina's versions of this song. It such a sad song, can't listen to it too often.

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56804)

by Tommy Stevens » Mon May 16, 2011 1:43 am

humboldt wrote:

I love Dusty, Judy & Nina's versions of this song. It such a sad song, can't listen to it too often.

Here's another version that I think gets it right: [youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emLiqvv6fx4[/youtube]

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Re: I Think It's Going To Rain Today (#p56807)

by mnmcv1 » Mon May 16, 2011 1:53 am

WOW. that is sad.

He commented favorably on Cilla's "I've Been Wrong Before".

I'd really to think Randy would have something nice to say about Dusty's interpretations. \odot

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