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## I Want to Stay Here

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### I Want to Stay Here (#p30176)

by **MissDustyFanatic** » Mon Aug 16, 2010 6:36 pm

When I first got the 'Reputation' album on CD, I was rather excited because A. It's Miss Dusty and B. at that time, most of the album I'd never heard before. I'd of course heard the big two "Nothing Has Been Proved" and "In Private" as my first boxset was "Simply... Dusty", as well as Daydreaming. Well, needless to say, I enjoyed the whole album up to and including track 8, then ... 'I Want to Stay Here' came on.

Well...my very first impression of the song is one that has stayed with me to this day. I think it's utterly charming. So sweet and happy and upbeat, and if I had to choose one word to describe it, it would be tender. Written by Carole King and Gerry Goffin, it was a big hit for Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme in the 60s, and the last Goffin/King song Miss Dusty ever recorded.

Apparently though, she didn't love it. To quote from the 'bible' : "I think it's fine if people like it. That's what counts, not whether I'm crazy about it. I don't dislike it. I was just looking for a little more substance. But hey, I trust the Pet Shop Boys and that's why I did it." Well, that was diplomatic...according to Simon Bell, she really didn't like it much at all (nor does he); apparently she thought it "frivolous", which I can appreciate. It's not as high-class a recording as "Nothing Has Been Proved" to be sure. But I like it exactly for the reasons Miss Dusty wasn't fond of it: it's light and bouncy and almost has a sort of sixties feel to it, with the backing vocals and the "woh-oh oh"s.

I've included the video below. This was made apparently with the possible idea of releasing it as a single, but maybe it was thought Miss Dusty wouldn't be as keen to promote it. I think it would have made an excellent single.. your thoughts on the song?

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

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### Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30178)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Mon Aug 16, 2010 6:52 pm

Hi Taylor, nice to see you posting, we miss you. 😊

this video has got something about it I like. apart from our Lady's voice, but I cant explain it in words. 😞

the song is ok but I always associate it with Edie Gorme and Steve Lawrence as they had quite a hit with it in the uk, in my youth.

I can see why she would dismiss it but I prefer it to some of her other songs and so give it a 👍

As a single I dont think it would have succeeded in the UK due to its former life. when you look at all her middle years she had some very low key material, such a shame she didnt get some better songs and promotion. we have said it before I know but she missed those years because of so many reasons and because she wouldnt or couldnt do what she needed to do to make an impact. 🙄

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### Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30183)

by **Brian** » Mon Aug 16, 2010 8:03 pm

On my original copy of the Reputation album was a sticker which said :-  
'Includes the hit singles - 'Reputation', 'Nothing has been proved', 'In private', 'Arrested by you', and 'I want to stay here'...so it looks as though EMI were planning to issue it as the 5th single.  
Whether it would have been a hit at the time we will never know.

Brian

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### Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30193)

by **mnmcv1** » Mon Aug 16, 2010 9:17 pm

i have never seen that video. 🤪 sort of "Genius of Love" meets *Pee Wee's Playhouse*.

i like the song- it's simple and very charming. I don't think it would've performed well as a single.

after "Arrested By You", her two best bets for a hit were "Daydreaming" or "Send it to Me".

(just my humble opinion, of course).

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### Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30286)

by **Corinna** » Tue Aug 17, 2010 3:54 pm

I hadn't realised it wasn't an original! 🤪 Here's the original:

[youtube][http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeH-Su-\\_EPE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeH-Su-_EPE)[/youtube]

The song's a little too sugary for my liking, but hey, you can't argue that it's a cute little number! 😊

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### Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30294)

by **Clive** » Tue Aug 17, 2010 4:57 pm

I love *I Want To Stay Here*. It was immediately one of my favourite tracks when I got the *Reputation* LP.

Like Brian my copy had the sticker which listed *I Want To Stay Here* along with the previous hits. So I assumed it would be the next single and was disappointed as the weeks went by and there was no new single until November and *Arrested By You* ( which I do love but I thought wsn't 'immediate' enough to be a single.)

I actually think *I Want To Stay Here* would have been a UK Top ten hit had they released it as I

hoped around August 1990. I think what Dusty disliked about the track ( lightweight, frivolous) were exactly what would have made it a big summer hit ,and with its short playing time (less than 3 minutes) it would have slotted in easily to radio playlists.

I can understand if Dusty didn't want to perform it on TV but the video would have taken care of that. Dusty could have sat back , let it be a hit and then other tracks she preferred would have had a much better chance on the back of a big hit.

I was a little dismayed to read that Dusty didn't rate I Want To Stay Here and I can't understand her enthusiasm instead for *Time Waits For No One*, which I think was a much more 'throwaway' track.

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### **Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30320)**

by **MissDustyFanatic** » Tue Aug 17, 2010 8:30 pm

Markus, I agree with you that if after Arrested by You she'd released 'Daydreaming' , that that would have been a better choice for a single. BUT...I also agree with Clive, that had "I Want to Stay Here" been released as a summertime single, it would have stood a better chance. It's a light, bouncy, happy little song, and that kind of thing stands a better chance in a season similar to its mood.

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### **Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30352)**

by **mnmcv1** » Wed Aug 18, 2010 12:28 am

you know, I am thinking from a US perspective (and maybe from a *now* perspective, too). Maybe it would've been big in the UK- pop music was pretty bouncy at the time. Kylie Minogue was big, and you had that whole retro-soul thing going on with Lisa Stansfield and Soul II Soul. And PSBs were big, of course. Maybe it would've done well. 😊

I do like the song- its great to drive to on the highway in the summer, windows down. And it really lightens up *Reputation*, which is kind of cerebral at times (not knocking that). 🤔

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### **Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30433)**

by **allherfaces** » Wed Aug 18, 2010 2:06 pm

I think the cartoon Dusty is adorable. 🤔

Oh, and I'm mighty glad she Dustified the song-- don't care much for Steve and Eddie's version.

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### **Re: I Want to Stay Here (#p30441)**

by **SweMaria** » Wed Aug 18, 2010 3:31 pm

I think the cartoon Dusty is adorable too! 😊 The song wasn't one of my favourites before but the more I watch this "cartoon video" the more I like the song! 🤔 Made no deep impression on me but it makes me glad...

I'm also glad that she Dustified it! 😊

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