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by terri Posted: Tue Oct 12, 2010 2:15 pm

First off- the song done with Dusty and Richard Carpenter remains one of my favorite songs of all time. Question- Was there a dispute with Richard Carpenter about something regarding the song, rights, sleeve etc? Remember reading something about this.

Re: Richard Carpenter

by Corinna Posted: Tue Oct 12, 2010 6:32 pm

Dusty was a bit miffed that her name wasn't mentioned on the sleeve. I guess anybody would be, really!

Michael J Bayley (who owns the site Woman of Repute) writes more about this song on his blog:

http://thewildreed.blogspot.com/2010/08 ... -eyes.html

Re: Richard Carpenter

by Cardiff Bluesgirl Posted: Tue Oct 12, 2010 6:45 pm

just wrote about this on a different thread and its a great song but Dusty made it. 🙈

his voice is just a forgettable backing I think, as all you really hear is her great, as usual, interpretation. I would think she would have found him a bit too controlling in directing her during the recording. I will bet she did her own Dustyfying of it whether he liked it or not. it may have been his song but she was the Artiste and she is the reason it sells. a shame she didnt record more of his songs because they did suit her but she wouldnt have wanted to be seen as a replacement for Karen.

Re: Richard Carpenter

by small town girl Posted: Tue Oct 12, 2010 7:35 pm

i read somewhere that she wouldn't do any promotion for it.

anita x

Re: Richard Carpenter

by daydreamer Posted: Tue Oct 12, 2010 11:01 pm

I heard that they got on really well together and Richard only ever has wonderful things to say about Dusty. The lack of credit on the actual single was a bit odd as her name features large on the picture cover. I love the song, it's one of my top 10 favourite Dusty tracks.

Re: Richard Carpenter

by terri Posted: Wed Oct 13, 2010 2:13 am

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by Tommy Stevens Posted: Wed Oct 13, 2010 10:06 pm

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I first heard those late 70's albums before much of her 60's work, so yes, I'd still be a fan. But yes, I understand your point.

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