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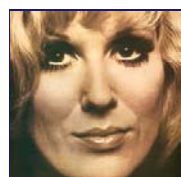
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memphisinlondon

Where am I going?



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Posted - 04/10/2008 : 02:12:27

I've just read the lovely letter from Cas on the main site - thnaks Cas. Cas mentions chatting to Dusty, Peppi, Pat, Norma, and John Dusty's hairdresser in Dusty's dressing rooms (double WoW!). Having listened to and loved all the Dusty/Norma collaborations eg 'The Colour of Your Eyes', I've wondered about these two for a while. They seem like a good pairing despite the rows I've read about.

Here's the main reference to Norma I could find on the web a while back:

http://www.benmclane.com/tanega.htm

The line 'Unfortunately, I could not promote the album because I had to move back to the United States for family reasons' must be about the break-up. Norma left Dusty. Dusty appears to have gone to the USA in part to try to get the relationship back on track but it didn't work. There appear to be tailor made references to the breakdown on 'Cameo' - but I have a good imagination it must be said.

Can anyone, including Cas, let us know what Norma was like especially if you actually met her. Was she likeable? Do you think Norma was the love of Dusty's life? Dusty's delivery of the Norma collaborations makes me think she could have been, at least up until their break-up.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

MissDustyFanatic

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Posted - 04/10/2008 : 12:53:50

I certainly can't comment on Norma much beyond her musical collaborations with Miss Dusty, but there must have been real love there...it's evident in 'Go My Love', which I believe was the last song of Norma's that Miss Dusty recorded, and what seems to me to be an ode to the joys and pains of a relationship that didn't work out in the end. I think they still cared for each other, but perhaps as mature as their relationship seemed to be, they both realized it was time to move on.

I've wondered about Norma myself for a while. As far as I know, I believe she's still alive and working in music in some capacity.

"And the answer will come back to you...like laughter in the wind..."



Will

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Posted - 04/10/2008 : 13:10:54

From Mclane and Wong's article on Norma..

..Interestingly, "Walkin'" became a huge hit in England. In order to capitalize on the success abroad, Tanega moved to London in 1967 and entered a new era in her career. While In London, she became recognized quickly as a songwriter, and made many important contacts. "Dusty Springfield and her family were some of my closest friends while in England." Through the Springfield connection, Tanega wrote songs with Tom Springfield (who incidentally wrote many of the Seeker's hits) and for Dusty herself. These songs can be found on Tom

Springfield's Love's Philosophy album on Decca from 1969 (UK only) and as the B sides of several Dusty Springfield singles on Phillips (UK only) from 1968 through 1970 (e.g., "I Close My Eyes"/"No Stranger Am I", "Earthbound Gypsy"/"Am I the Same Girl", The Color of Your Eyes"/"I Will Come To You")..

..Upon moving back to the states, Tanega took up residence in her old college town of Claremont, California, and began teaching music, which she still does today. Along with her other passion for painting, she has continued to create music. However, for lack of a better term, her works are now more aptly called instrumental "experimental music", created by playing various and intricate percussion instruments to produce different moods and sensations. Tanega's new independent releases can be ordered c/o 4111 Mt. Baldy Rd., Claremont, CA 91711.

It's an interesting article. She has a wiki entry also, I see.

**Will**

*"..I tried so hard, all summer through.."*

**Blog- <http://askyofhoney.com/>**



**Kathy**  
Wasn't born to follow  
★★★★★

Posted - 04/10/2008 : 13:24:37



I agree, Taylor, the line in Go My Love, "My longing will pass, my loving will last" just slays me every time I hear it. It's a line that resonates with deep experience of love and loss.

xx  
Kathy

"You're still here on my mind..."

Australia  
6508 Posts



**Cas19**  
Wasn't born to follow  
★★★★★

Posted - 05/10/2008 : 10:14:18



Hi Memphis, I met Norma on a couple of occasions and I thought she was quiet and a nice lady. One of my favourite Dusty songs is 'Earthbound Gypsy, written by Norma. This pic was taken in October '68 at Wakefield when we went to see Dusty and signed at a later date, but I'm not sure when. Its been posted by me before.

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Casx



'Something in your eyes'



Posted - 05/10/2008 : 20:05:38

**Hampson**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★★



That's a unique picture Cas - thanks for giving us sight of it.

Wend



Posted - 05/10/2008 : 20:15:25

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4703 Posts

**Will**  
Wasn't born to follow  
★★★★★



Yes indeed - thank you, Cas.. I'm always delighted to see these glimpses into Dusty's history, which I would never otherwise have access to.

**Will**

*"..I tried so hard, all summer through.."*

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Posted - 05/10/2008 : 22:54:29

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**memphisinlondon**  
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★★★



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Thanks again. This is great.

Memphis

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**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★



Posted - 05/10/2008 : 23:08:31

That will go nice in a paper I'm writing, Cas, if you'll allow me permission to use it.

~You thrill me with a holy kind of bliss. . . .So closer (closer)



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**Cas19**  
Wasn't born to follow  
★★★★★



Posted - 06/10/2008 : 06:29:08

quote:

*Originally posted by allherfaces*

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No problem Nancy. 😊

Casx



'Something in your eyes'



**MissDustyFanic**  
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Posted - 06/10/2008 : 08:55:44

quote:

*Originally posted by memphisinlondon*

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Who's John, Memphis?

"And the answer will come back to you...like laughter in the wind..."



**MissDustyFanic**  
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Posted - 06/10/2008 : 08:59:35

quote:

*Originally posted by Kathy*

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Kathy

"You're still here on my mind..."

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I totally agree, Kathy. It must have taken a great amount of courage one, for Norma to have written it for Miss Dusty, and two, for Miss

Dusty to sing it. Perhaps it was too painful to release at the time. Didn't it first come to light on 'Legend of Dusty Springfield'?

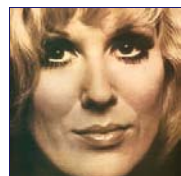
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Edited by - MissDustyFanatic on 06/10/2008 09:00:33



**memphisinlondon**

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Posted - 06/10/2008 : 21:17:54

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Dusty had some control over the Legend box-set. She wanted to include rarer tracks and tracks off Cameo and I guess she wanted this lovely song too.

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Edited by - memphisinlondon on 06/10/2008 21:20:30



**MissDustyFanatic**

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Posted - 06/10/2008 : 22:28:43

quote:

*Originally posted by memphisinlondon*

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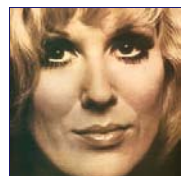
I wonder why it wasn't released at the time. Wasn't it recorded for **See All Her Faces**? Was this one of the tracks that Philips passed on when they cut and pasted SAHF together? Incidentally, SAHF did eventually include a Norma Tanega collaboration 'Come For a Dream'.

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**memphisinlondon**

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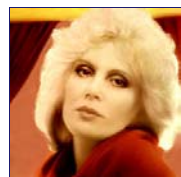
It does seem like Phillips rather than Dusty spliced that album together. It's just so nice that Dusty got that track onto her first box-set. Go My Love and all the other Norma collaborations are amongst my favourite Dusty tracks because they're different and so carefully sung. I don't understand why biographers don't pick up on these great tracks. It's like they don't listen to Dusty's work as much as we do!

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**Tim**

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Posted - 07/10/2008 : 17:59:58

Yes I love them too - got a different feel from most of Dusty's musical canon.

Norma seems very underrated - I would like to hear her new music too.

T :-)

'I still like Daffy Duck. Can't think of anyone I like better. Actually that's who I'm having an affair with. Difficult but rewarding!'



**paula**  
Moderator



Posted - 08/10/2008 : 03:05:31

I too, love the Norma songs.. echo all the above. the songs..like

poems, the way Dusty sang them.. simply but with sweet emotion.  
paula x



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**Corinna**  
Forum Admin  
★★★★★

Posted - 08/10/2008 : 20:07:06

Here's Norma singing Walkin' my cat named dog:

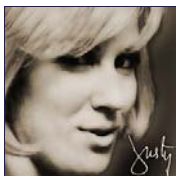
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPZVrmJ2HH8>

And here's a snippet out of Definitely Dusty with Norma (starting at about 4:00):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXKRoz-3J7Q>

Cor xx

*"I don't know what it is that makes me love you so..."*



Sweden  
6080 Posts

**MissDustyFanic**  
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★★★

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**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
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Posted - 10/11/2008 : 19:58:51

<http://wfmu.org/playlists/shows/18129>

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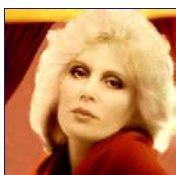
Like her - hints of Mama Cass in there too.

Prefer this to 'Walking my Cat.. '

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=eYOvIRcpmHM&feature=related>

T

<http://www.timloydsmith.com>



United Kingdom



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**memphisinlondon**

Where am I going?



Posted - 10/11/2008 : 22:59:24



Thanks so much, Nancy. I really like Norma's songs. I'm going to try to track down an album.

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**Clive**

I'll try anything



Posted - 30/01/2009 : 07:50:20



As today January 30 is Norma's birthday I thought it would be a good time to revive this thread and wish her a Happy Birthday.

<http://normatanega.com/index.htm>



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**MissDustyFanic**

Where am I going?



Posted - 30/01/2009 : 07:54:36



Happy Birthday to Norma!

"I've got to be where my spirit can run free..."



USA  
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**Will**

Wasn't born to follow



Posted - 30/01/2009 : 07:54:55



Happy Birthday, Norma :)

**Will**

*"..you're in my heart and on my mind.."*

Gallery: [www.askyofhoney.com](http://www.askyofhoney.com)



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**Cas19**

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Posted - 30/01/2009 : 08:19:58



Happy Birthday from me too Norma, have a lovely day.

Casx



**'Something in your eyes'**



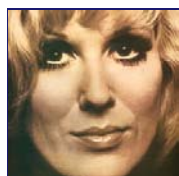
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**memphisinlondon**

Where am I going?



Posted - 30/01/2009 : 23:42:49



Do you think Norma ever comes around here...I wonder..I bet she doesn't but in any case...

lots of love to you, Norma.

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Memphis  
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**Dougie**  
I start counting

Posted - 31/01/2009 : 02:36:19

Hi Norma

A very happy birthday..  
LOL Dougie XX



Australia  
97 Posts

**paula**  
Moderator  
★★★★

Posted - 31/01/2009 : 04:33:29

If your lurking, Norma..a very happy birthday. Nice to see that you are a fellow Aquarian 😊 Stop by some time and say hello 😊  
paula x

Edited by - paula on 31/01/2009 04:35:27



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**mssdusty**  
I've got a good thing  
★★★★

Posted - 31/01/2009 : 06:07:26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORMA



😊MARY😊



THE LOOK OF LOVE IS IN YOUR EYES!  
Watch my video with Dusty on YouTube!



USA  
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**Clive**  
I'll try anything  
★★

Posted - 31/01/2009 : 09:40:07

One of my favourites of Norma's songs that Dusty recorded is *The Colour Of Your Eyes* co-written with Molly McKernan. Does anyone know anything about Molly or any other songs she wrote?



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**Clive**  
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Thanks for this Nancy, just listened to *Beautiful Things* it's lovely.





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