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The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160355)

by **viper** » Wed Sep 24, 2014 11:27 am

Going through the morning posts over my first coffee today and happened upon,

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That's quite a line up as someone else pointed out remarking upon Anita Harris. Which led me to wondering why an actress was being booked as a singer. Surely they didn't mean this Anita Harris, did they ?

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Curiosity roused, I pulled up Anita's details and found; *"Her chart breakthrough came in the summer of 1967 with the single "Just Loving You", a **Tom Springfield** composition which singer **Dusty Springfield** had suggested Tom (her brother) give to Harris after Dusty and Harris had performed on the same episode of Top of the Pops.*

Recorded at Olympic Studios in a session produced by Margolis and featuring harmonica virtuoso Harry Pitch, "Just Loving You" had been released in January 1967 but did not reach the UK Top 50 until 29 June 1967. Even after peaking at No. 6 on 26 August 1967 "Just Loving You" remained in the UK Top 40 until the end of the year. Besides charting at No. 18 in Ireland, "Just Loving You" was a Top Ten hit in South Africa where sales reached 200,000 copies. The disc was released in September 1967 in the United States where it rose to No. 20 on the "Easy Listening" chart in Billboard and approached the mainstream Pop "Hot 100" chart. It rose no higher than No. 120 on the "Bubbling Under" chart. In January 1968 Harris made her only appearance on the UK album chart when her Just Loving You album reached No. 29.


The sustained interest in "Just Loving You" predicated a mild chart impact for her follow-up single "The Playground", issued in September 1967. This reached its chart peak of No. 46 by 28 October 1967, the same week "Just Loving You" (which had dropped out of the Top 20 at No. 21) returned to the Top 20 for three more weeks."

What Anita's connection to Poly Styrene is, apart from obviously being an X-Ray Spex fan, I haven't yet fathomed, but I have to say I'm amused so far just to find out she's an X-Ray Spex fan, and is apparently going to sing a cover version of one of Poly's songs.

Frankly the mind boggles at what kind of job some of the other artists will make of doing X-Ray Spex songs though I have to say I'm surprised and delighted to learn Splodgenessabounds exist again as a band. I wonder what Saffron from Republica's going to sing ?

If anyone has more on, "*Dusty and Harris had performed on the same episode of Top of the Pops.*", I'd be fascinated to read/see/hear about it.

Oh, and for those remotely interested, I also discovered that the Boomtown Rats are currently on tour. The band that gave us Bob Geldof. That Boomtown Rats.

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Support on some shows by Republica, who should actually be the headline act as they are recording and performing new songs and not just trading on long past the sell by date glories. It's not like Bob needs the money is it ?

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160356)

by [pat.dunham](#) » Wed Sep 24, 2014 12:28 pm

This time last year there was a thread on LTD about Anita Harris and her appearance on Vintage TV. She was in a series talking of her own life in music and spoke fondly of Dusty, of her kindness, warmth and generosity. It may well be repeated at sometime, I know I enjoyed it when I saw it.

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160357)

by [karen](#) » Wed Sep 24, 2014 12:37 pm

Yes a comment re this on page 52 Dusty moments .. 😊

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160360)

by [darren2722](#) » Wed Sep 24, 2014 2:51 pm

Anita also appeared (separately)with Dusty at the 1965 San Remo Festival Singing the song below (but as a duet with Beppe Cardile)

I like her voice very much. 😊 Nice antidote to 'Better singers' who warble. 😊

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160501)

by **viper** » Sat Sep 27, 2014 1:19 pm

Thanks Pat.

Karen; - Got a link for me please ? Not sure where I should be looking.

Ta Daz. Is it just me thinks 'Trains And Boats And Planes' sounds Dusty-esque ?

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160558)

by **darren2722** » Sun Sep 28, 2014 10:00 am

viper wrote:

Ta Daz. Is it just me thinks 'Trains And Boats And Planes' sounds Dusty-esque ?

Might be the Bacharach/David thing, Dusty suited most of their songs. 🎧 😊

Here's Liz's post.:

I know Darren likes his vintage tv and if those who can get it see the hr long chat with Anita Harris then she does quite a section on Dusty when she chooses her songs for the programme "my vintage"

she mentions a club in Nottingham where the performers stayed above the place in the hotel rooms.

she went to see Dusty there and says " she was just gorgeous, we chatted after the show and then we had breakfast the following morning. we both realised that we were 2 Convent girls but we had a lovely time talking about being a girl singer on the road. we then met in the TOTPs studio, she was singing YDHTSYLM and I was singing trains and boats and planes . she waited while I had my rehearsal and said you have to meet my brother Tom because I think he's got a song for you, it turned out to be "just loving you " we loved it and recorded it and it was that song that really lifted me into another strata of the World.

I found that a very generous gift, she needn't have, she could have had that song and done it perfectly herself.

she was going into SOAPM and was sort of changing her style a little bit, but I to this day, I look up and say thank you Dusty for your generosity of spirit and I think her legacy, and so many people still love her is the spirit that was of that girl, she was a nice girl she was a sweet hearted girl and by golly she could do it so lets have Dusty singing YDHTSYLM."

isn't that a lovely tribute . 🙏

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160616)

by **viper** » Mon Sep 29, 2014 12:33 pm

Thanks Darren. 🙏

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Re: The Link From Dusty To Poly Styrene (#p160617)

by **karen** » Mon Sep 29, 2014 12:44 pm

Thanks Darren , yes that was the link I was referring to. 😊

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