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by **everard**

Posted: **Fri Dec 18, 2009 9:17 am**

Has anyone (especialy those who knew Dusty) ever tried to contact Tom Springfield? I realise, and respect, the fact he seems to have chosen a quiet life. But what a mine of information he could be.

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Re: Tom Springfield

by **Clive**

Posted: **Wed Mar 17, 2010 3:12 pm**

Here's an old 1967 article on Tom Springfield, he says a couple of interesting things in it

" I like to write sentimental songs, very sloppy ones really, songs that tug at your heart. Most of Dusty's songs are more soul-type music, which I like actually, but is not my style of writing"

"If I write a song I like to see it through. I've had some nasty experiences of handing it out to somebody, and it hasn't turned out vaguely the way I thought it should. For instance, Dusty doing 'Losing You' was a hit, but it could have been a better record, as I think she'd be the first to admit"

The article also says that Tim Field did some interior decorating after leaving the Springfields, including Tom and Dusty's flats!

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=3R...ield&hl=en>

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Thu Mar 18, 2010 10:45 pm**

🤔 A "Better Record"....In what way does he mean, I wonder?!! 🤔

CR xx

Re: Tom Springfield

by **memphisinlondon**

Posted: **Thu Mar 18, 2010 11:04 pm**


Interesting observation there, Carole. I wonder if Tom really appreciated what his sister achieved. I don't think he did and I can just imagine the brother/sister frictions around music never mind anything else. He doesn't appear to appreciate Dusty's soulful

inflections at this time. He was a folkie after all and Dusty was a soul girl. 'Losing You' is a bit of a pin head on which to base such a wonder but Dusty really sang that song with soulful emotion and Tom can't apparently hear what she did with it. I wonder how he sang it. This song is one of the first Dusty songs I ever listened to on record. I remember being really impressed by it on first hearing because of Dusty's beautiful voice and her emotional investment. Here's the bi-lingual remix by Ptown.
[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smnlp_y9gfE[/youtube]

Re: Tom Springfield

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Fri Mar 19, 2010 12:51 am**

 You can pick your nose, and you can pick your seat,... but you can't pick your family.



 WHATEVER !!! Dion. 

Re: Tom Springfield

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Fri Mar 19, 2010 7:48 am**

I think Tom's a contrary mary! He said that the song was originally written as a Continental type ballad but Dusty being Dusty, it turned into Gospel! The quote I've pinched from the CDS, because I can't find the original article, is he "likes them this way. Ivor Raymonde arranged the songs. Then Dusty and I chipped in with a few ideas at session time'. If Dusty read his two quotes, she'd no doubt remember the more critical one. I'm trying to think why I have or have heard a version where Dusty screeches during the fade out.....anybody help me?!

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Clive**

Posted: **Fri Mar 19, 2010 8:28 am**

daydreamer wrote:

I'm trying to think why I have or have heard a version where Dusty screeches during the fade out.....anybody help me?!

Carole I think that is the stereo version on the Taragon CD 'Stay Awhile-I Only want To Be With You/Dusty'

Re: Tom Springfield

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Fri Mar 19, 2010 2:43 pm**

I don't think that Losing You is on that CD Clive.....or am I looking at the wrong one? On the version I'm thinking of, she doesn't just get hoarse, she completely screeches, like she wasn't expecting it to be used. This'll drive me mad now!

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Clive**

Posted: **Fri Mar 19, 2010 9:42 pm**

Sorry you're right Carole, Losing You is not on the Taragon CD. The version I am thinking of is on the Ooooooweeeeee!! CD from 1999 (I think it is also on the Universal Masters and

Colour Collection CDs)

Dusty's voice gets very raspy at the end of the song, not sure if this is the version you have in mind.

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Fri Mar 19, 2010 10:32 pm**

Call me 'biased' but I don't know how Dusty's version of the song *could* be bettered.

Was this an example of an 'attitude problem towards Dusty,' I wonder?... 🤔👉

CR xx

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Sat Mar 20, 2010 1:24 pm**

yes I think so Carole, jealousy amongst siblings is as old as time. maybe he thought as he wrote all the songs that he was the superstar in the family and then she blew him out of the water with that voice. 🤔🌟

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Sat Mar 20, 2010 10:22 pm**

If that was a sample of his attitude, its no wonder Dusty ended up with a complex. 🤔👉

I mean.... Can anyone imagine The Seekers having a bash at 'Losing You' 🤔 I don't think so. 🤔

CR xx

Re: Tom Springfield

by **Tommy Stevens**

Posted: **Mon Mar 22, 2010 1:44 am**


I know I've seen a clip of Dusty saying that she didn't really like "Losing You" either. As for Tom being critical, he did write the song, after all. He probably had an idea of how it should have sounded, and anything different sounded like they weren't doing the song the right way to him. That's probably pretty common among songwriter. For instance, Burt Bacharach hated Love's version of "My Little Red Book."

Re: Tom Springfield

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Mon Mar 22, 2010 9:32 am**

I don't think he really sounds critical here, he admits Dusty changed it from his original idea but he seems quite happy on the whole.

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Re: Tom Springfield

by **Baby Blue**

Posted: **Mon Mar 22, 2010 4:14 pm**

The best version I heard of Losing You appears on Dusty Springfield's Golden Hits vinyl LP, Stereo, American version, PHS-600-220. It seems like the newer CD releases all have the spreeching version at the end :(GRRRR! I have to find someone to make a a CD of this vinyl album.

I love this song and would place it among Dusty's Top 5!

Marty

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