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What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did?

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What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145428)

by **LilCajunGirl** » Sat Feb 08, 2014 7:49 pm

Ok, here's an idea-

List the song or songs Dust DID NOT record that you wish she did or think she would have done a better job on.

For example: this morning on my Starbucks run, on the car radio was "I've Had the Time of My Life" by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes came on. You know, the theme to Dirty Dancing. It hit me that Dusty could have sung that song with Bill and it would have been awesome!!!

What songs do y'all think? It does not have to be a duet.

Just curious, should be interesting! 😊

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145434)

by **humboldt** » Sat Feb 08, 2014 8:50 pm

Oh far too many to list! Dusty should have steered away from the overblown ballads and weak pop songs of the late 70's & disco crap of the mid 80's. There were so many great songwriters out there that she was spoiled for choice. Rather than list songs I'll list songwriters whom she should have considered (or used more). If she hadn't messed up her recording career then I'm sure that she would have turned out some amazing versions of songs by the following:

David Bowie
Marvin Gaye
Stevie Wonder
Bruce Springsteen
Hall & Oates
Judee Sill
Joni Mitchell
Laura Nyro
Billy Joel
Nona Hendryx
Ashford & Simpson
Sandy Denny
Tim Buckley

Tim Hardin
Randy Newman
Leonard Cohen
Jackson Browne
Bill Withers
Carly Simon
Paul Simon
Jim Croce
Janis Ian
and many many more

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145441)

by **Brian** » Sat Feb 08, 2014 9:27 pm

Here's my 'list' of songs I wish Dusty had recorded :

MY GUY (MARY WELLS)
A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME (DIONNE WARWICK)
I DON'T WANT TO GO ON WITHOUT YOU (PATTI LABELLE & THE BLUEBELLES)
TELL HIM (THE EXCITERS)
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU LOVE ME (MADELINE BELL)
HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN (ANIMALS)
FEVER (PEGGY LEE)
LOVE LETTERS (KETTY LESTER)
WHEN I'M GONE (BRENDA HOLLOWAY)
CLEAN UP WOMAN (BETTY WRIGHT)
AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH (DIANA ROSS)
CRY TO ME (LILLEATA HOLLOWAY)
USE ME (BILL WITHERS/ESTHER PHILLIPS)
THAT OLE DEVIL CALLED LOVE (BILLIE HOLIDAY)
SITTIN' IN THE PARK (BILLY STEWART)
CAN'T HELP LOVING DAT MAN (ILA VANN)
DESTINATION ANYWHERE (THE MARVELETTES)
ALFIE (DIONNE/CILLA/CHER)
RESCUE ME (FONTELLA BASS)
YOU'VE LOST THAT LOVIN' FEELIN' (RIGHTEOUS BROS)

.Just off the top of my head!

Brian

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145442)

by **pattigee** » Sat Feb 08, 2014 9:40 pm

How about some oldies but goodies:

STARDUST
CAN'T HELP FALLIN' IN LOVE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FOOL (MANHA DE CARNAVAL)
 THE MAN I LOVE
 NIGHT AND DAY
 IF YOU LOVE ME (REALLY LOVE ME)
 YOUNG AT HEART
 HARBOUR LIGHTS
 STRANGER IN PARADISE
 THE LADY IS A TRAMP
 BROKEN HEARTED MELODY
 etc...

Patti 🎵 🎵 🎵

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145451)

by **Sweetbaby** » Sat Feb 08, 2014 11:45 pm

😊 There is a recorded version of Dusty's performance of *Manha de Carnival* in its original Portuguese:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py9vdqx33BQ[/youtube]

I'm not crazy about the *Day in the Life of a Fool* lyrics but there's an alternate English rendering I'd like to have heard Dusty sing:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hUQgFGi6sM[/youtube]

I recently came across a recording of an Ellie Greenwich song by the Shirelles: *Look What You've Done to My Heart* which is a vintage Motown-style number (there's also a version by the Elgins). The Shirelles' version came out in 1969 which IMO was too late to sound current & too early to sound fashionably retro: I'd love for Dusty to have been able to record the song circa 1965.

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8CcAKoehwk[/youtube]

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145454)

by **humboldt** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 12:06 am

Have always loved the Shirley & The Shirelles 'Look What You've Done to My Heart' but the Elgins version is utter crap as it's post Motown and was recorded by Levine for his Motor City label 🙄 That man had no idea how to produce great talent!

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145456)

by **Zoey** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 12:32 am

So, so many... Some off the top of my head would be:

Perfect Day - Lou Reed (one of my all time favourites)

Goodbye to Love - Carpenters

Love Makes Me Do Foolish Things - Martha and the Vandellas

So Far Away - Carole King

Dreams & Songbird - Fleetwood Mac

If she were alive today, I think she would have rocked an Adele cover. I'm not a fan of Adele, though

I can't deny she's talented. I can just hear Dusty's gorgeous, breathy mature voice in my head singing Someone Like You.

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145464)

by **LilCajunGirl** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 1:18 am

Another couple from me:

Black Velvet (Alannah Myles)

Anything by Christine McVie (Fleetwood Mac). I think their voices are similar

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145467)

by **pattigee** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 3:53 am

Sweetbaby wrote:

😊 There is a recorded version of Dusty's performance of *Manha de Carnival* in its original Portuguese:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py9vdqx33BQ[/youtube]

Thank you thank you for that. Perhaps she sang more bossa when she was in Rio. I've loved bossa nova since 1965, and to think Dusty sang it, too, is just great! 🤔

I'm not crazy about the *Day in the Life of a Fool* lyrics but there's an alternate English rendering I'd like to have heard Dusty sing:

[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hUQgFGi6sM[/youtube]

And thank you for Cliff's rendition, it's very nice indeed. 🤔

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[youtube]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8CcAKoehwk[/youtube]

I can just hear Dusty singing this Shirelles song, thanks. 🤔

Patti

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145470)

by **nmncv1** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 5:19 am

Brian wrote:

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A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME (DIONNE WARWICK)
I DON'T WANT TO GO ON WITHOUT YOU (PATTI LABELLE & THE BLUEBELLES)
TELL HIM (THE EXCITERS)
I'M GONNA MAKE YOU LOVE ME (MADELINE BELL)
HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN (ANIMALS)
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YOU'VE LOST THAT LOVIN' FEELIN' (RIGHTEOUS BROS)

.Just off the top of my head!

Brian

Awesome list, Brian...that Billy Stewart one made me sit up. I would've loved that!!!

I can't help but feeling after her PSB resurgence, she never got a real shot at doing R&B again. I hear Mica Paris' "My One temptation" and think of what Dusty's 1987-1988 voice would've sounded like on it. I wish she'd had the opportunity to follow WHIDTDT with an R&B song like that, and what the resultant album would've sounded like (probably a bit more urban).

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145472)

by **LilCajunGirl** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 5:38 am

Lol @ Brian! I had to laugh when I thought of "Cleanup Woman"! Dusty would've had a ball with that one!

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145475)

by **Brian** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 8:49 am

There is one record I've always 'heard' Dusty singing.

It's on you-tube, but being thick I have no idea how to load it 😞😞 ...so could some lovely person download the you-tube clip for us all to hear?

The song ?....oh yes!

NO GOOD JIM by JEAN CARTER.

Thanks

Brian



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[Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? \(#p145476\)](#)

by **karen** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 9:04 am



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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145478)

by **Brian** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 9:11 am

Thank you 'lovely person' 🤔 🙄🙄

Anyone agree ?

Brian

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145482)

by **darren2722** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 9:56 am

Brian wrote:

Thank you 'lovely person' 🤔 🙄🙄

Anyone agree ?

Brian

Yes, Karen is a Lovely Person Brian. 😊

Seriously, It's a good song. Could definitely hear Dusty singing it Brian. 😊

Also For Me: I'll Never Fall In Love Again - Bobbie Gentry.
Stay With Me Till Dawn - Judie Tzuke

Ever See The Day - Dee C Lee
If You Could Read My Mind - Gordon Lightfoot
For You Only - Alison Moyet.

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145483)

by **LilCajunGirl** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 9:58 am

Brian wrote:

Thank you 'lovely person' 🙄 🙄 🙄

Anyone agree ?

Brian

Yes! Their styles of singing are similar. I'm sure Dusty would have "Dustified" it!

The song itself is funky, great arrangement!

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145485)

by **karen** » Sun Feb 09, 2014 10:09 am

There are quite a lot of these listed on page 2 of this thread . 🙄 . some great choices all of you though.. 🎵 🙌

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145556)

by **Kyles Beguiles** » Mon Feb 10, 2014 7:20 am

"Angel of the Morning"

"(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman"

"I Wanna Be Where You Are"

"I Can See Clearly Now" (may or may not have been recorded, no surviving masters to know for sure)

"Wind Beneath My Wings" (her idol Peggy Lee did a beautiful rendition of this one)

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p145560)

by **daydreamer** » Mon Feb 10, 2014 10:00 am

I could think up a whole list and these three would definitely be at the top. Whenever I hear them, I imagine Dusty's voice at different stages in her life. Pathos and a tune 🙄

Lynn Miles and her tale of life in LA, great lyrics.

Olivia Newton John's I Honestly Love You. A Peter Allen/Jeff Barry song, perfect for Dusty

Bonnie Raitt's Feel's Like Home. A beautiful song that would have fitted so well into A Very Fine Love

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p148566)

by **Zoey** » Fri Mar 14, 2014 7:16 am

Use your imagination with this one...

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p148915)

by **Kyles Beguiles** » Tue Mar 18, 2014 5:46 am

Her sublime falsetto would have done wonders with this one!

Zoey wrote:

Use your imagination with this one...

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p149876)

by **Cas19** » Fri Mar 28, 2014 4:49 pm

I'd have loved Dusty to have recorded Past , Present and Future by the Shangi las, or more recently by Agnetha Faltskog.

I love Dustys speaking voice and this song would be ideal.

Casx

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p149889)

by **Cecelia** » Fri Mar 28, 2014 7:04 pm

My Funny Valentine and Somewhere Over The Rainbow. I would have loved to hear Dusty sing these.

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p149892)

by **LilCajunGirl** » Fri Mar 28, 2014 7:13 pm

OMG! Wouldn't My Funny Valentine been awesome!

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p149911)

by **Tez** » Fri Mar 28, 2014 9:32 pm

I would have loved to hear Dusty sing "I can't make you love" by Bonnie Raitt

and

"The first time ever I saw your face" by Roberta Flack - imagine Dusty's emotive voice squeezing every ounce out of these!

I can but dream

Tez

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(#p149916)

by **pat.dunham** » Fri Mar 28, 2014 10:33 pm

Some of Peggy Lee's - "Mr Wonderful" - "The folks who live on the Hill" - "Fever".
Bette Midler- "The Rose"- "Wind beneath my wings".

I often wonder if she never covered certain favourite artists because she felt she could never do the songs justice. Their version was the best and in Dusty's mind that was it..

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p149920)

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Sat Mar 29, 2014 1:47 am

Every time I listen to this Bacharach-David song I hear Dusty's voice:

Maggie

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p150001)

by **Cecelia** » Sat Mar 29, 2014 8:08 pm

Omg Maggie I had forgotten about that Dionne Warwick song. You are so right-you can hear Dusty's voice!

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p150026)

by **dig123** » Sun Mar 30, 2014 1:58 am

Agreed! Haven't heard this song in so long by Warwick. Good choice Maggie.

Di

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p150028)

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Sun Mar 30, 2014 3:00 am

Thank you. Glad you liked it.

Maggie

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p164507)

by **DustysGirl** » Wed Dec 31, 2014 9:06 am

Okay, I'm reviving an old post here - hope more people will contribute!

Some songs of the past and present that I would've loved to hear Dusty sing:

A Woman's Worth by Alicia Keys

You Know I'm no Good or Back to Black by Amy Winehouse

Up the Ladder to the Roof by The Supremes (post Diana)

What's a Girl to Do? by Bat for Lashes (excellent song - could definitely hear Dusty doing this)

One Less Bell to Answer by The 5th Dimension

Tiny Sparrow by Peter, Paul & Mary

Tonight and The Rest of My Life by Nina Gordon

I Wish I Was the Moon by Neko Case

Maybe This Time (From the musical Cabaret)

Some Say I Got Devil by Melanie Safka

Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen (I know this song is covered to death but it's the kind of song that every artist is able to make their own)

Diamonds and Rust by Joan Baez

Oh Daddy by Fleetwood Mac

The Uninvited Guest or This Masquerade by The Carpenters

That's The Way I've Always Heard it Should Be by Carly Simon

The Story by Brandi Carlile

Sway by Bic Runga (this could so easily be turned into a smoky, R&B song if slowed down a tad)

The Sweetest Decline by Beth Orton

The One Who Really Loves You by Mary Wells

Too Many Fish in the Sea by The Marvelettes

Helpless by Kim Weston

I'm sure there's a ton I've thought of in the past that I'm leaving out, but these are my picks. Of course, I have a problem where every song I hear I wonder if it would've been right for Dusty and if so what she could have done with it. 🌹

xx

Gina

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p164513)by **DustysGirl** » Wed Dec 31, 2014 10:22 am

Okay, adding one more I forgot -
New Ways to Dream from Sunset Blvd.

I'm an unapologetic Broadway nerd and yes, I know that Petula Clark already had a go at the role (no offense to her fans, I think she's ok, but her performance in that show was just.....nope. No.), but I think Dusty would've made a breathtaking Norma Desmond. Going by clips of her on TV variety shows, she could definitely act as well as sing.

Betty Buckley will always be my favorite Norma (with Glenn Close and Patti Lupone coming in 2nd and 3rd) but I definitely think Dusty could've given them all some fierce competition.

Just my 2 cents! Any other B'Way geeks out there? 😊

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p165160)by **Cecelia** » Thu Jan 15, 2015 7:51 pm

There's a song that my mom used to sing in the 60's after my Dad passed away. It is by the Casinos and it was called, "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye." I think Dusty's voice would have been perfect for this tune. Of course I cannot post the video cause it's the thing I still can't do. But take a listen and see what you think.

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p165163)by **DustysGirl** » Thu Jan 15, 2015 9:27 pm

Here you go, Cecelia:

<http://youtu.be/Y1CMDBbyIS4> (<http://youtu.be/Y1CMDBbyIS4>)

Great song!

xx

Gina

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p165164)by **Cecelia** » Thu Jan 15, 2015 10:34 pm

Thank you Gina. Now everyone can hear it.

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p165172)by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Fri Jan 16, 2015 10:33 am

This song is on my favourites list.

I love it. 🍷

If you could only hear the Bill Kenwright show on radio 2, Cecilia, he plays all these on his 50s to early 60s tribute shows. 🍷

its also in my collection by the wonderful Glen Campbell. 🌟

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p165188)by **Cecelia** » Fri Jan 16, 2015 5:28 pm

Hi Liz-I always loved Glen Campbell's Witchita Lineman. When I think about it, Dusty could have sung that one too.



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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p165275)by **FionaJ** » Sun Jan 18, 2015 3:45 pm

One of my all time favourite songs, by Rita Coolidge, 'We're All Alone'.


Dusty's beautiful voice would have enhanced the level of emotion in the song  

Fiona x

P.S Hello Pat  So happy to have joined you on here. It is addictive though! 

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p178534)by **AGirlCalledHannah** » Thu Nov 05, 2015 9:34 pm

To Sir With Love (Lulu) and Sailor (Petula Clark) would both be at the top of my list. She would have captured the emotion in these song perfectly 

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p180205)by **ACE2010** » Sat Jan 09, 2016 10:02 pm

I think hat Dusty's voice would have been wonderful for the Band song "The Weight". Not a typical choice for some of her more traditionally minded Fans, But for a long time I have heard(in my Head) her singing

I pulled into Nazareth, was feeling 'bout half past dead
 I just need some place where I can lay my head
 Hey, mister, can you tell me, where a man might find a bed?
 He just grinned and shook my hand, "No" was all he said.

Take a load off Fanny, take a load for free
 Take a load off Fanny, and you put the load right on me

I picked up my bags, I went looking for a place to hide
 When I saw old Carmen and the Devil, walking side by side
 I said, "Hey, Carmen, c'mon, let's go downtown"
 She said, "I gotta go, but my friend can stick around"

Take a load off Fanny, take a load for free
 Take a load off Fanny, and you put the load right on me

Go down, Miss Moses, ain't nothin' you can say
 It's just old Luke, and Luke's waiting on the judgment day

Well, Luke,...

I am not even too sure what the song is about, but give it a listen , and see if you can't hear Dusty singing those lines...

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p181287)

by **Ryan Clark** » Wed Mar 09, 2016 2:10 am

Can you imagine a Dusty version of David Bowie's "Life on Mars"? That would have been incredible.

I would have loved to hear her do some Nina Simone. Maybe "Feeling Good" or "Keeper of the Flame".

Also, Gayle McCormick's "It's a Cryin' Shame".

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184637)

by **Duster** » Tue Sep 13, 2016 9:43 pm

File this under "Goony:"

Today I heard "Take Me Home Tonight" by Eddie Money. When Ronnie Spector came in, I wished I could hear Dusty singing it. I know it makes no sense, but...

EDIT: Wait I've got it!! I wish Dusty performed "Be My Baby" instead of the Ronettes. There! 🍀

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184653)

by **Michael Muccino** » Thu Sep 15, 2016 1:40 am

"You're My World"

"Love Letters" (orig. by Ketty Lester)

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184655)

by **Duster** » Thu Sep 15, 2016 2:31 am

"You Only Live Twice"

"Upside Down" (if not a studio recording, then a do-over with Tom at least)

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184658)

by **pat.dunham** » Thu Sep 15, 2016 6:49 am

Dusty Springfield & Tom Jones - Upside down



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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184669)

by **Duster** » Thu Sep 15, 2016 2:48 pm

That's the one Pat! It's better than I remember. Love Dusty's hairstyle. Tom still needs to dial it back a few notches though. 🙄👉👈

What do you think?

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184681)

by **pat.dunham** » Thu Sep 15, 2016 8:29 pm

Must admit Mike Upside Down is my least favourite duet. I love Dusty's duets with Tom, but this one, to me, just doesn't work. 🙄👉👈

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184709)

by **Duster** » Sun Sep 18, 2016 3:32 am

Yeah. I've liked the song for a long time and clicked immediately to watch it one day, but then... 🙄 I just know Dusty could've knocked this one out of the park.

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Re: What song did Dusty NOT record that you wish she did? (#p184765)

by **pat.dunham** » Thu Sep 22, 2016 7:11 pm

Wish Dusty had recorded/sung "I know him so well", from "Chess" Although usually sung as a duet it

works well as a solo with backers doing harmony. Here is Elaine Paige solo.

I know him so well Title 1.mp4



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