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MattMidd1

I've got a good thing



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Posted - 01/04/2007 : 20:24:21

Her cover version of "(They Long to Be) Close to You" was originally recorded by Dusty Springfield in 1964, shortly before Dionne Warwick recorded it that same year. Dusty's was scheduled for release as a single, and potential follow-up to her no. 3 hit "I Just Don't Know What To Do with Myself". However, it wasn't until three years later, in 1967, that it finally was released on her Where Am I Going? album, with the beginning intro cut from its release.

This is a quote from Linda from DSN, so thanks to her. I never knew that Dusty was in fact the original recorder of Close To You! 🙄

Matt.

19 weeks; then a different country, here I come!!

goin back

Little by little



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Posted - 01/04/2007 : 21:00:05

Or not...

"An interesting characteristic of Bacharach and David's career is that some of their biggest hit records were re-recordings of songs which were not successful when they were first released or which first appeared only as B-sides or album cuts.

A perfect case-in-point is "**(They Long To Be) Close To You**": the song made its first appearance in late 1963, on the flip side of "Blue Guitar," a #42 hit by actor Richard Chamberlain. It would be re-recorded a number of times, but the best-known version would not appear until 1970."



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Posted - 01/04/2007 : 21:05:32

Thanks for this! That is odd. I always thought that Dionne recorded it first, Dusty second, and Karen Third.

Matt.

19 weeks; then a different country, here I come!!



daydreamer

Moderator



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Posted - 01/04/2007 : 22:48:09

The original recording of Close to You was actually made by Richard Chamberlain in 1963! Dionne's demo appeared on her 1964 album "Make Way For Dionne" in Sept 64 and Dusty recorded it on 29th Aug '64. According to the Complete DS and the Burt Bacharach book "Song by Song", Dionne recorded it first (just) and Dusty probably heard Dionne's demo.

Carole x

Since you went away, I've been hanging around...

Edited by - daydreamer on 01/04/2007 22:48:50



daydreamer
Moderator
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Posted - 02/04/2007 : 08:06:42



Sorry Bev, I just realised you already made the Richard Chamberlain connection!

Carole x

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DivineDusty
I'll try anything
★★

Posted - 02/04/2007 : 12:40:37



Aww Richard Chamberlain!

.Divine.Dusty.

*** I just decided I wanted to become someone else... So I became someone else. ***



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Posted - 02/04/2007 : 19:42:57

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quote:

Originally posted by daydreamer

Sorry Bev, I just realised you already made the Richard Chamberlain connection!

Carole x

No worries Carole... better to have the information twice than not at all I say!!!! 🙄 😊

B x

"But I love singing... either that or I'm completely crazy."



Gypsy Rose Lee
I'll try anything
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Posted - 04/04/2007 : 14:14:51

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I know Dusty flipped out when she heard Dionne's first hit "Don't Make Me Over" in 1962. Bacharach & David always gave Dionne 'first refusal rights' over most of their songs. Why? Because Dionne had worked with Bacharach for years as one of Marlena Dietrich's backup singers. And, the 'chemistry' between Burt & Dionne was incredible until they had their big falling out in the early 70's.



Kathy
Wasn't born to follow
★★★★★

Posted - 04/04/2007 : 14:42:51



Oh, Don't Make Me Over is a great song. Dusty should have recorded it too.

xx
Kathy



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Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
★★

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Posted - 04/04/2007 : 17:19:02

Hi, Kathy

Dusty was smart enough to know that she couldn't improve upon Perfection. She got "The Look Of Love" and Dionne didn't - so it all evened out in the end. 🙄

Take care,
Ro

I'd rather leave while I'm in love... or, shortly thereafter :)



mssdusty

I've got a good thing
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Posted - 05/04/2007 : 03:41:45

THANKS RO
MARY

I only think of the day I Met Dusty and MY pains go away.IT's Great!



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