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Clive
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Posted - 13/12/2008 : 10:31:13



How would you feel about an album of posthumous duets with Dusty? We have had the two on record already (Petula Clark, Anne Murray) and then the Sugababes one recorded for TV.

I know we have several Elvis fans here and there is a new Elvis Christmas duets CD created with current artists. Has this been done well or do you think it is a mistake or in bad taste?

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Posted - 13/12/2008 : 10:48:08



I think it's quite a good idea...BUT, NOT with any of 'today's' artists! If it's done it needs to be done with people who can really sing...Madeline Bell, Elton John, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Martha Reeves, Kiki Dee etc.
Can you imagine Britney, Kylie or Boyzone singing AGAINST Dusty?!

Brian



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Posted - 13/12/2008 : 11:14:19



Hello Clive,

I didn't know about the Elvis album. I would never buy this. And if a friend bought this for me for Xmas they would only do it to see my reaction when I realised what it was! It doesn't make sense to me to buy an Elvis album that has purposely chopped his voice out to include others in a way Elvis never intended. But if I lighten up I guess it could be fun if there were some inspired choices of partner eg B.B. King on Merry Christmas Baby.

I can understand reconstructing an incomplete track to make a whole by adding a 2nd voice but even then I would find the 2nd voice an intrusion. This is why I haven't bought Petula's duets album. I'd rather wait to get 'Corner of the Sky' by Dusty. As Petula has now cleaned the track up it could easily be released as a bonus track without Pet's vocals.

Memphis
Ever since we met...

Edited by - memphisinlondon on 13/12/2008 11:16:14



Will
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Posted - 13/12/2008 : 11:19:33

I generally feel this isn't such a great idea, although interesting, but I



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have to admit that I would love to hear a duet with Dusty and Kate Bush - Kate adding vocals to Dusty's recording of her song *The Man With The Child In His Eyes*. My two favourite singers together - bliss!!

Will

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

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Posted - 13/12/2008 : 21:34:30

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Not something that I'd be interested in buying.



Humboldt



Posted - 14/12/2008 : 10:59:12

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My own feeling is that I would hate for any of Dusty's classic hits to be spliced up and turned into duets.

However if the album was made up of songs that had never featured on a Dusty album like *Dancing In The Street* then I think that could work.

Just like *Man With The Child In His Eyes* like Will suggests. Dusty's live recording of this is never likely to see the light of day commercially and I think it could sound great with Kate.

Edited by - Clive on 14/12/2008 11:02:18



Posted - 14/12/2008 : 11:51:07

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Kate's & Dusty's version could never be spliced together as one is live & both are completely different.



Humboldt



Posted - 14/12/2008 : 12:00:05

Will
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I didn't mean to splice Kate's recorded version - I meant for her to add new vocals into Dusty's recording, specially recording them for that purpose. She has done similar vocals with other artists - they are fairly discrete and you often wouldn't notice them really, but they add a loveliness to the mix.

Of course it will never happen, but it is a nice dream :)

Will

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

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Posted - 15/12/2008 : 00:22:59

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Ah, sorry Will I misunderstood you. Makes sense now but I still don't like the idea. I always thought that there was something creepy about Natalie Cole singing along with her late father!



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Posted - 15/12/2008 : 22:26:37



I too would like Corner of the Sky by just Dusty and although it's not impossible, there really is so little of the whole song, it's a long shot to hope that it would ever be released. So I'll take the duet with Pet and keep hoping.....

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were..."



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insomniacafe
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Posted - 16/12/2008 : 00:05:29

I'm not keen on the idea to be honest. Dusty seemed to be very protective of her music, and putting her name to a project she could have no input in wouldn't seem right, particularly when other voices and personalities would be involved which she may not have necessarily wanted to share a room with, let alone a song.

Michael

Let's pretend we're cats instead of people and go roll around and scratch an old latch hook rug together.



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Sweetbaby
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Posted - 16/12/2008 : 00:41:27

☺ It had occurred to me that Dusty's version of *Won't Be Long* might be effectively combined with the version on Eva Cassidy's current *Somewhere* album. I think Dusty wouldn't have objected to sharing a song with Eva & might have appreciated an obscure item in her repertoire such as *WBL* getting a new lease on life. And certainly Ms Cassidy's family felt that Eva would have been okay with having a second voice added to one of her tracks - specifically that of Katie Melua on *Wonaerful World*.



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Posted - 17/12/2008 : 05:14:30

I like the idea only if it's a song like 'Corner of the Sky' that is incomplete...the idea of adding vocals to it to help it see the light of day at all is a rather touching thing, I think. Otherwise, we'd never have any part of the song that Miss Dusty sang available to hear at all. I'm glad Petula added her vocals for that reason.

Carole, you mentioned once on the 'Corner of the Sky' thread that you'd heard the version with just Miss Dusty's vocals. I'm wondering...does the duet version contain ALL of the partial vocals she recorded, or did Petula record any lines for the duet that Dusty had also recorded? I hope you can shed some light on this for me.

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



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MissDustyFanatic
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Posted - 17/12/2008 : 05:18:17

I've also understood that some of the songs on the *Beautiful Soul* compilation (Angels being a good example) were patched together from various vocal takes, to enable a release of a complete song; only 'Corner of the Sky' was too incomplete to do this. Am I right, or could





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it possibly be patched and pieced together from the existing vocals to create a complete song?

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



Posted - 17/12/2008 : 23:31:56



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it wouldnt bother me one iota if she sang with abbott and costelloe, hearing her sing is enough, whether it be alone or in a duet. Obviously I would love it if she were still here and could do duets, I do know that whoever she sang with, she would have done it with the greatest aplomb, and it would have been wonderful. But thats just my opinion

neilxx

" Here in the gloom, of my lonely room, i hold his photograph and pray ill see him soon oh-oh"



Posted - 17/12/2008 : 23:46:27

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You're certainly not the only one who shares that sentiment, Neil. I'm glad Petula added her vocals to 'Corner of the Sky', it means we get to hear some Dusty we'd likely never have heard otherwise. I think that's part of the reason it's one of my favorite songs of hers.

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



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Posted - 18/12/2008 : 00:30:25

The thing about that 'duet' is Dusty totally out sings Petula (of course she does and the age gap is pretty wide too). When I heard it I found myself thinking 'oh no, it's Petula again' and waiting for Dusty to come back and everytime she did it was wonderful. All the Dusty clips are to die for. The track without Petula will sound like a fragment but that's OK by me.

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MissDustyFanatic
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Posted - 18/12/2008 : 06:06:35

Well, yes and no, Memphis. There is a 32 year gap in between when the vocals were recorded (1974 vs 2006). Miss Dusty was 35 when she recorded what vocals of hers we have for 'Corner of the Sky'; Petula was 74. I'd say she does an admirable job; it's no mean feat to try and keep up with Miss Dusty, regardless of the age and time difference.

I do agree with you though that she totally outsings Petula, but I think that perhaps that was Petula's intention...I doubt she was trying to outdo Miss Dusty. she was just trying to help bring Miss Dusty's vocals to see the light of day, and not in an obtrusive way. I think she does a good job of that. When they're singing together, I can only hear Petula if I try hard enough.

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



daydreamer
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Posted - 18/12/2008 : 18:35:30

Re Corner of the Sky, there were parts of Dusty's vocals that weren't used on the duet. In some cases she either didn't sing or complete a



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line or maybe in the structure of the duet it worked better for Petula to sing a particular line rather than Dusty. It is easy to want it to be all Dusty but I'm grateful that Petula did this and at least gave us some of Dusty's vocals to listen to. Because so much of the vocal was missing, it couldn't make up a whole song like happened with some of the others on Longing.

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



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Posted - 18/12/2008 : 19:29:20



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I am grateful this song saw the light of day. That's down to Petula for making the effort. Underneath my uncharitable grumble is a feeling that Petula would not necessarily be on Dusty's shortlist of duet partners and Pet wouldn't be my choice for Dusty either. If the estate was more pro-active maybe they could have invited Madeline Bell or Lulu. Maybe they still could. That would be fine.

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Posted - 18/12/2008 : 20:13:33



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Oh, not Lulu! She really would try and drown Dusty out. It was Pet that wanted to do it, she wasn't really chosen.

Carole x

"The days have come and gone since you were here..."



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Posted - 18/12/2008 : 20:27:20



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Alright. Not Lulu! Madeline would've been great though.

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MissDustyFanatic

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Posted - 19/12/2008 : 08:48:06



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Thanks SO MUCH for the info, Carole! I've always wondered how much of the song Dusty sang. I'm glad we have it to listen to, and lucky you got to listen to the 'just Dusty' version. 😊

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

Edited by - MissDustyFanatic on 20/12/2008 21:02:38



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