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Dusty Springfield - Dusty in Memphis (1999)



01. Just a Little Lovin' 02. So Much Love 03. Son of a Preacher Man 04. I Don't Want to Hear It Anymore 05. Don't Forget About Me 06. Breakfast in Bed 07. Just One Smile Listen 08. The Windmills of Your Mind 09. In the Land of Make Believe 10. No Easy Way Down 11. I Can't Make It Alone 12. What Do You Do When Love Dies 13. Willie & Laura Mae Jones 14. That Old Sweet Roll (Hi-De-Ho) 15. Cherished 16. Goodbye 17. Make It with You 18. Love Shine Down 19. Live Here with You 20. Natchez Trace 21. All the King's Horses 22. I'll Be Faithful 23. Have a Good Life Baby 24. You've Got a Friend 25. I Found My Way Dusty Springfield – vocals Arif Mardin –arranger, strings arranger, horns arranger Tom Dowd –arranger, horns arranger Gene Orloff – conductor, arranger The Sweet Inspirations – backing vocals Reggie Young – guitar, sitar Tommy Cogbill – bass guitar, guitar Bobby Emmons – organ, piano, electric piano, congas Bobby Wood – piano Gene Chrisman – drums Mike Leach – congas Ed Kollis – harmonica

Sometimes memories distort or inflate the quality of recordings deemed legendary, but in the case of Dusty in Memphis, the years have only strengthened its reputation. The idea of taking England's reigning female soul queen to the home of the music she had mastered was an inspired one. The Jerry Wexler/Tom Dowd/Arif Mardin production and engineering team picked mostly perfect songs, and those that weren't so great were salvaged by Springfield's marvelous delivery and technique. This set has definitive numbers in "So Much Love," "Son of a Preacher Man," "Breakfast in Bed," "Just One Smile," "I Don't Want to Hear About It Anymore," and "Just a Little Lovin'" and three bonus tracks: an unreleased version of "What Do You Do When Love Dies," "Willie & Laura Mae Jones" and "That Old Sweet Roll (Hi-De-Ho)." It's truly a disc deserving of its classic status. --- Richie Unterberger, Rovi

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