

SIR 1005 A Handful Of Songs

Singing Call MS-53

Original artist: Tommy Steele

vocal by: Søren Lindergaard

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ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: WRITERS: Lionel Bart, Mike Pratt, Tommy Steele
PUBLISHERS: Glenwood Music Corp. O/B/O Robbins Music Ltd.

Tommy Steele OBE is a English entertainer who is widely regarded as Britain's first pop idol. Born **Thomas Hicks** on December 17, 1936 in London, England, his cheeky Cockney image and boy-next-door looks won him success as a musician, singer and actor. He played guitar and banjo and sang in The 2 I's Coffee Bar in Soho and did well on the 1950s British pop charts. He progressed to an acting career and starred in a number of well received films, which eventually led to several successful stage shows. These days he is still very active and continues to delight audiences of all ages with his exuberant performances.

This tune was a very easy one to record as a Square Dance, which allowed us the chance to add a little to the instrumentation – listen out for the “whistling flute” sound that is featured on several parts. Søren Lindergaard has often chosen tunes from an era other than his own lifetime he is a keen musicologist and is very well versed in music from all recent performers. The music on this one is very pleasant; the song is one that will be familiar to many dancers – especially the “young at heart”!

Additional Lyrics:

(Opener)

Well I've got a handful of songs to sing you
Can't stop my voice when it longs to sing you
New songs and blue songs and songs to bring you
Happiness – no more no less
More-over where-ever we may roam to
Or any shore where we may be blown to
We know that we're going to feel at home to
La bella musica

(Second part on closer, only)

I've got a handful of songs to sing you
I've got a heartfelt of love to bring you
True love for you love and loves a thing you keep
So here's a handful of songs going cheap

(ending) Just a handfull of songs X 3

(Figure – first part)

Jazz and cha cha chas
Calypsos and street vendor cries
Strains of old refrains
Sleepy time baby lullabies

Where, When and Who produced the music:

This was part of the ninth group of releases on Sting that were recorded in Nashville. A total of fourteen songs were recorded during this session, which was the third to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow – following his purchase of the company. Also in attendance at this session were Former Sting Recording Artists: Carsten Nielsen and Søren Lindergaard.

Recorded in September 2004, the music still features the top session musicians in Nashville, including: Gregg Galbraith – as band leader and plays all lead Guitars, Mike Douchette on Harmonica, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro and (on the last five songs) Mike Johnstone, Tommy Wells on Drums and percussion, Roger Morris on Piano and Keyboards, with Fiddle by Rob Hojacos, David Smith on Bass Guitar and Bruce Watkins playing on Rhythm Guitar and Banjo. Also worthy of special mention is our engineer on these sessions – the studio owner: Kevin McManus.

Acknowledgement to Royal Records:

We are indebted to Jerry Story and Tony Oxendine who introduced us to the studio in Nashville and invited us to use the top-of-the-line professional session musicians that they had assembled, to play for Royal Records.