

STING 21313 Precious Time

Singing Call MS-67

Original artist: Van Morrison

vocal by: Thorsten Geppert

**Hanhurst's Best Seller listing:
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of the Sting Productions Ambassador Club
(see the home page for more details about this)**

Sir George Ivan Morrison, Jr., OBE is a Northern Irish singer, songwriter and musician. He has received six Grammy Awards, the 1994 Brit Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music, and has been inducted into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame. In 2015 he was knighted for his musical achievements and his services to tourism and charitable causes in Northern Ireland. "Precious Time" was a Single, taken from his album "Back on Top" in 1999.

Thorsten Geppert heard this playing on his car radio and called me to ask if we could cut a version for him to record - I listened to the tune and said "yes", without hesitation; it was quite obviously one that needed to be done! Interpreting and reproducing the "Van Morrison" sound required a rather different approach - just listen to the different Saxophone parts! I believe that we managed to "rise to the challenge" and have produced a superb number; guaranteed to bring maximum dancer enjoyment!

Additional Lyrics:

Precious time is slipping away
But you're only king for a day
It doesn't matter to which God you pray
Precious time is slipping away

It doesn't matter what route you take
Sooner or later the hearts going to break
No rhyme or reason, no master plan
No Nirvana, no promised land

Because, precious time is slipping away
You know you're only king for a day
It doesn't matter to which God you pray
Precious time is slipping away

Say que sera, whatever will be
But then I keep on searching for immortality
She's so beautiful but she's going to die some day
Everything in life just passes away

But, precious time is slipping away
You know she's only queen for a day
It doesn't matter to which God you pray
Precious time is slipping away

Well this world is cruel with its twists and its turns
But the fire's still in me and the passion it burns
I love her madly 'til the day I die
'Til hell freezes over and the rivers run dry

Music: the where, when and who...

The music for this release was created by Michael Salacuse at "Circle Left" in Nashville. Realising that some tunes required a slightly different range of instrumentation, from the Gospel/ Country sound that we often use, we were very happy to find this outstanding and talented engineer, offering his services to locate special players and produce the "slightly different"!

Where a close-to-the-original sound is the "order of the day", Michael offers a slightly different way of producing music, on a "remote" basis - no need for us to make the trip to Nashville, allowing a little more opportunity for "experimentation" and "re-mixes" that will be necessary for these type of songs. This has expanded our range of styles to include almost everything!

Sting Productions Ambassador Club:

This was the third session to have been underwritten by the members of the Sting Productions Ambassador Club; a group of Callers who worked together to choose the tunes and who contributed, financially, to the costs of producing and distributing the music