

SNW 1202 Moviestar

vocal by: Astrid Heckmann

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Singing Call MS-69

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ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS:WRITER: Harpo
PUBLISHERS: Buddah Music Inc.

Original artist: Harpo

Jan Svensson (born 5 April 1950 in Bandhagen, Stockholm), was a Swedish pop star known under the stage name Harpo. He enjoyed only one “hit record” as such, which was this song "Moviestar", which reached a chart high of number 24 in 1976 in the U.K. Charts. Although this was his only hit record, he went on to become a successful horse breeder in his home country Sweden.

Astrid Heckmann chose this pretty tune from the 1970s and we tried to use instrumentation that fit the period; hopefully you will agree with our choice. This is a very smooth composition that tells a simple story and displays our musicians at their very best. If you would like to sing along with Astrid, you can – just purchase the CD or MP3 download from Hanhurst's and the second version of the Instrumental (with Astrid's harmonies) is there.

Additional Lyrics:

You feel like Steve McQueen when your driving in your car
and you think you look like James Bond when you're smooking your cigarr
it's so bizarre, you think you are the new kind of James Dean
but the only thing I've ever seen of you was a commercial spot on the screen

Moviestar, moviestar you think you are a movie
moviestar, moviestar you think you are a movie – star

You should belong to the jetssets flying your own private Lear Jet
but you worked in a grocery store everyday 'til you could afford to get away
so you went to Sweden and to me to the birdman
but he wasn't there or he just didn't care
I think it's time for you my friend to stop pretending you are a

Frozen hero your words are zero
and your dreams has vanished into dark and long ago
but you don't want to know

Where, When and Who produced the music:

This was part of the tenth group of releases on Sting that were recorded in Nashville, during September 2005. A total of fourteen songs were recorded during this session, which was the fifth to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow – following his purchase of the company. Also in attendance at this session were Associate Producer: James Wyatt and Recording Artist: Neil Whiston.

Recorded in September 2005, the music still features the top session musicians in Nashville, including: Gregg Galbraith – as band leader playing all lead Guitars, Terry MacMillan on Harmonica and percussion, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro, Jerry Kroon on Drums, 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.