

SNW 707 Hometown Honeymoon

vocal by: Maarten Weijers

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Singing Call MS-65

Original artist: Alabama

Hanhurst's Best Seller listing
(October 2006) – Unplaced

ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: *WRITERS:* Josh Leo, Jim Photoglo
PUBLISHERS: Warner-Tamerlane Pub. Corp., WB Music Corp., Universal Music Corp.

Alabama comprises: Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry, Jeff Cook and Mark Herndon. They have been playing-up-a-storm since signing a recording contract with RCA records, in 1980! This track came from their 1998 album “For The Record” and although not released as a single, it still helped their incredible sales and attainments history. They have received virtually every award available for what they do – and even have a “star” on the “Hollywood Walk Of Fame”!

This tune was recorded by Sting in 1994. Originally intended for Ingvar Pettersson, it sat “on the shelf” for some time “gathering dust”. In late 2004 Maarten Weijers asked me if he could record a vocal on this number; he felt it was one that suited his style – I had to agree. The music on this is, obviously, great; it is a Nashville tune, re-recorded in Nashville. It's a soft gentle number with a little “spark” to it that makes it a “feel-good” song; try it, you'll love it!

Additional Lyrics:

Hey baby won't you take my hand
And make me a happy man
I ain't rich but I found my fortune in you
Two jobs on the night-time shift
I'm still left with an empty fist
But my heart is full and my love is true
We can still get married in the style of our
friends and family
Gather all of them to celebrate while we slip
out quietly

We can sing and laugh out loud
Lifestyles of the poor but proud
Cuddle up on the porch and enjoy the view
We can't afford Niagara Falls
But there's a fountain by the old town hall
We'll make a wish by the light of a lover's
moon
I'll get my Grandma's wedding ring and my
brother's Chevrolet
We can stay at your mama's house; we don't
have to go away

To have a hometown honeymoon
Wildflowers and love is in bloom
We'll have a hometown honeymoon
Dancing to the rhythm of love

Your daddy's prize possession
I'll make a good impression
I'm gonna get his blessing that's all we need

Hometown honeymoon
Wildflowers and love is in bloom
We'll have a hometown honeymoon just me and
you
Hometown honeymoon
Get out of church and up to your room
We'll have a hoe-down afternoon
Dancing to the rhythm of love

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Where, When and Who produced the music:

This was part of the second group of releases on Sting that were recorded in Nashville. A total of nine songs were recorded during this session, which was arranged and produced by Stefan Sidholm and Ingvar Pettersson.

Recorded in late 1994, the music featured the top session musicians in Nashville. These included: Gregg Galbraith – who acts as band leader - on guitars, Terry McMillan on Harmonica and percussion, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro, Jerry Kroon on Drums, Roger Morris on Piano and keyboards with Rob Hojacos on fiddle, David Smith on Bass Guitar and Bruce Watkins on Rhythm Guitar / Banjo / Mandolin. Also worthy of special mention is our engineer on these sessions – also 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.