

SNW 708 Wind Beneath My Wings

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ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: WRITERS: Larry Henley, Jeff Silbar
PUBLISHERS: Warner House of Music WB Gold Music Corp.

Original artist: Bette Midler

Bette Davis Midler is an American singer, actress and comedian; she is named after the actress Bette Davis. During her career, she has won four Grammy Awards, three Emmy Awards, and a Tony Award, and has been nominated for two Academy Awards. This song, is quite often considered to be Bette Midler's "signature song". It originally featured in the 1989 film "Beaches" (in which Bette Midler appeared) and was named Record of the Year and Song of the Year at the Grammy Awards of 1990.

We chose to record this track in a style that reflected, as far as possible, the original "balladic" feel of the song – using a slower walking rhythm as opposed to the faster "boom-chuck" style that is most common on Square Dance releases. In my opinion, we made the right choice (but I will admit to being "biased"). The end result is a very smooth and beautiful love song that contains all the depth and emotion of the original; you won't find many Square Dance tunes like this, it is - without doubt - a real gem!

Additional Lyrics:

It must have been cold there in my shadow
To never have sunlight on your face
You were content to let me shine, *that's your way*
You always walked a step behind

So I was the one with all the glory
While you were the one with all the strain
Only a face without a name, *for so long*
I never once heard you complain

It might have appeared to go unnoticed
But I've got it all here in my heart
I want you to know, I know the truth, *of course I know it*
I would be nothing without you

Did you ever know that you're my hero
And everything I'd like to be
I can fly higher than an eagle
But you are the wind beneath my wings

Where, When and Who produced the music:

This was part of the twelfth group of releases on Sting and Snow that were recorded in Nashville, during November 2007. A total of fourteen songs were recorded during this session, which was the seventh to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow. On this occasion, Paul had his family with him to provide moral AND technical support!

As in previous years, the music features the top musicians in Nashville: Gregg Galbraith – as band leader playing all lead Guitars, Doug Jernigan on Steel and Dobro, Roger Morris on Piano and Keyboards, Fiddle by Rob Hojacos, Larry Paxton on Bass Guitar and Bruce Watkins playing Rhythm Guitar Banjo and Mandolin. This year we had Eddy Anderson on Drums and Percussion. As always Kevin McManus (studio owner) was the engineer.

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.