

“Respect”—Aretha Franklin (1967)

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The reason I wanted to do “Respect” was because I thought it was a fun song, I’m a fan of Aretha Franklin and I thought it was a great up-tempo song to do.

And then we had it as a single, and then, about that time, was the CMA Awards and I performed the song on the CMA Awards Show--which I caught a lot of flack about for it for it not being a “country song.” But I never liked to put songs into categories—they are either good or bad, and I want to record them or I don’t want to record ‘em.

So I was thrilled to death to SING the song and I will sing it anywhere and anytime because I love it!

And it’s got a great message to it also: “Show me some RESPECT!” Besides that I got to be on front cover of the newspaper the next day!

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