

**SIR 907 Valerie**

**vocal by: Neil Whiston**

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**ORIGINAL MUSIC DETAILS: WRITERS:** S.F.C. Payne, D.A. McCabe, A. Harding, B. Chowdhury, R.T. Pritchard  
**PUBLISHERS:** EMI Blackwood Music Inc. OBO EMI Music Publishing Ltd.

**Original artist: The Zutons**

**(also) Mark Ronson (featuring Amy Winehouse)**

"Valerie" is an indie rock song written by the English band The Zutons who released the tune in 2006, it gave The Zutons their joint-biggest single to date as well as their second UK Top 10 single. In 2007, British music producer Mark Ronson (Brit Awards winner for: "Best Male Artist" for 2008), together with multiple award winning, Amy Winehouse, recorded a jazzy version for Ronson's album "Version", which became an international hit outselling the original, peaking at #2 in the UK Singles Chart.

We chose to record this track by basing it on the Mark Ronson / Amy Winehouse version, using our Nashville players. An important part of the team, who is featured on this track, is Sam Levine – on Saxophone.. The end result is a very powerful and dynamic Jazz / R & B rock ballad that contains all the depth and emotion of the original. As well as being a super song for a caller to sing, it's also one that you can use to encourage the dancers to "let their hair hang down"; a real "thunderous" Square Dance!

### **Additional Lyrics:**

Well sometimes I go out by myself  
and I look across the water  
and I think of all the things why'd you do it  
and in my head I paint a picture

'cause since I've come on home, well my body's been a mess  
and I've missed your ginger hair and the way you like to dress  
Won't you come on over stop making a fool out of me  
why don't you come on over Valerie

Did you have to go to jail  
put your house on up out for sale did you get a good lawyer  
hope you didn't catch a tan  
hope you find the right man to fix it for you

Are you shopping anywhere  
changed the colour of your hair and are you busy  
did you have to pay that fine  
you was dodging all the time, are you still dizzy

Valerie, Valerie, Valerie

### **Where, When and Who produced the music:**

This was part of the thirteenth group of releases on Sting and Snow that were recorded in Nashville, during September 2008. A total of Ten songs were recorded during this session, which was the eighth to be arranged and produced by Paul Bristow. On this occasion, Paul had his Goddaughter – Ria Hepden and her Father – Ron Hepden (Special Guest Caller on Sting), to help with "decisions"!

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, Bruce Watkins playing Rhythm Guitar and Banjo and Jerry Kroon on Drums. For the second year running we had Sam Levine on all the "Reeds" (Saxophone, Flute, Clarinet etc). 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.