

It takes me back

Words, music by Lonnie Lee

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Whilst it is not that well known, Lonnie has been a songwriter since the start. He has written songs not only for himself, but for many stars of the Australian second wave such as Mike Furber, Donna Gaye, Graham Chapman, Col Hardy, Barry Pilkington, Alison Durbin, Bill and Boyd, The Rajahs and others.

In the 70's whilst living in Nashville, he was commissioned to write with and for Roy Orbison and whilst Roy thought at least 2 of the songs would make #1, his record contract lapsed so he didn't get to record again until he joined George Harrison, Bob Dillon, Jeff Lynne and Tom Petty in the Traveling Wilburys.

During his 14 years in USA he also wrote for many stars including Cher, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, and Florence Henderson.

Like other country stars such as Merle Haggard, Marty Robbins, Tom T Hall, and many others who not wrote songs, but wrote 'story' songs of their lives, Lonnie has done the same with this song, 'It takes me back'.

Raised on a Rowena sheep property in the North West of NSW, he writes about his life, learning guitar, singing all the songs of the day, then leaving for the city and hitting the 'big time' with Golden number one hits, TV, and live shows.

In a way it is also music history as he went on to have more hits in Australia than Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis or Chuck Berry and along with Johnny O'Keefe and Col Joye, was the biggest hit maker of that time.

Still writing, recording and performing, in early 2024 he performs at the Parkes Festival, 6 shows at the Tamworth Festival and a mini tour of the North West.

We hope you let your presenters know about this great Aussie story song so they can include it in their playlists and he is available for interviews.

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