

Blame It On the Bossa Nova

by Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil 1963
 [a husband and wife songwriting team]
 They also wrote "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'"

*I was at a dance, when ^{he}she caught my eye
 Standin' all alone, lookin' sad and shy
 We began to dance, swaying' to and fro
 And soon I knew I'd never let ^{him}her go*



Eydie Gorme

Born in the Bronx as Edith Gormenzano in 1931. After she graduated from high school in 1946, Eydie Gorme worked as a Spanish interpreter for the U.N. by day, attended night classes at City College of New York City, and sang from time to time for local bands. She became a solo singer in 1952 after singing for Tommy Tucker's and Tex Beneke's big bands. In 1953, she became a regular performer on Steve Allen's Tonight Show, where she met her husband-to-be, singer Steve Lawrence. They married December 29, 1957, the week her hit "Love Me Forever" reached the Top 40 Chart.

In 1958, Steve and Eydie had their own summer replacement TV show: Steve Allen Presents The Steve Lawrence-Eydie Gorme Show.

Eydie reached the Top 10 in 1963 with "Blame It On the Bossa Nova". It was her last Top 40 solo hit. It was her first single released on Columbia Records. For both Steve and Eydie, their first Columbia singles were their biggest hits... and their last Top 10 records. Before the end of 1962, Steve hit #1 with "Go Away Little Girl," a Gerry Goffin/Carole King song that Donny Osmond would take to #1 again a decade later.

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*Blame it on the bossa nova, with its magic spell
 Blame it on the bossa nova, that ^{he}she did so well*

Oh, it all began with just one little dance

But soon it ended up a big romance

Blame it on the bossa nova ...

The dance of love

Now was it the moon? [no, no, the bossa nova]

Or the stars above? [no, no, the bossa nova]

Now was it the tune? [yeah, yeah, the bossa nova]

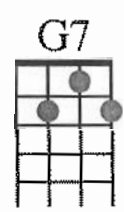
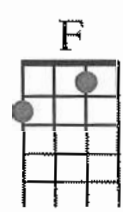
The dance of love

Now I'm glad to say, I'm ^{his bride}her groom to be

And we're gonna raise a family

And when our kids ask how it came about

I'm gonna say to them without a doubt



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