

# Top Stars Remember Buddy



Paul McCartney



Don McLean



Peter Asher



Denny Laine



Waylon Jennings

Linda  
Ronstadt

**Linda Ronstadt:** "I had been doing 'That'll Be the Day' in concert appearances long before I finally recorded it. Peter (Peter Asher, her manager) thought that we ought to include it on the next album ('Hasten Down the Wind'). When it became a hit, we included 'It's So Easy' on Simple Dreams. I wasn't familiar with that one but Peter was."

**Paul McCartney:** "It was Linda's father's (Lee Eastman) idea to buy a catalog of music for a future investment, so when he asked me what artist's catalog I wanted to purchase, I immediately said, 'Buddy Holly'."

**Don McLean:** "Buddy Holly was the unsung and unnoticed genius of rock and roll for twenty years before being discovered in the 70's. His true fans in the U.S. and England who were faithful to him for all of these years have always known that he was a genius and every bit as important musically as Elvis Presley. It is obvious to me and to everybody who loves Buddy Holly, that rock and roll would not be the same without him."

**Peter Asher:** "Buddy Holly was one of my favorites as a writer and singer. He was even more popular in Britain than here, and he still has a huge cult following in England. When I was with Peter and Gordon, we recorded one of his songs."

**Denny Laine:** "I could say that I did a Buddy Holly album because we've (Paul McCartney) got the copyright, but that's ridiculous. I wouldn't do it if I didn't like the stuff. It's as simple as that."

**Waylon Jennings:** We could not contact Jennings, who was Buddy Holly's bassist on that last tour and whose first record was produced by Buddy, but were brushed off by a representative from his office, George Laibe, who told us, "Waylon decided a few years ago that he had been talking about Buddy Holly for over ten years and he is tired of the subject." When we asked him if we could print that statement, he threatened, "If you print that I'll come down to Dallas and twist your arm off."