

Doris Day, Pillow Talk

Secret Love

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- written by Sammy Fain and Paul-Francis Webster
- written for the movie "Calamity Jane"
- #1 song of January 1954
- Tommy Edwards (#28, 1954); Ray Anthony (#29, 1954);
- Billy Stewart (#29, 1966);
- Freddy Fender (#20, 1975)

Once I had a secret love
That lived within the heart of me
All too soon my secret love
Became impatient to be free
So I told a friendly star
The way that dreamers often do
Just how wonderful you are
And why I am so in love with you
Now I shout it from the highest hills
Even told the golden daffodils
At last my heart's an open door
And my secret love's no secret anymore

"When I first heard 'Secret Love' I almost fainted, it was so beautiful.... When we finally got around to doing the prerecording, Ray Heindorf, the musical director at Warner's, said he'd get the musicians in about 12:30 so they could rehearse. That morning I did my vocal warm up, then jumped on my bike and rode over to Warner's (we lived in Toluca Lake at the time, which was just minutes from the studio). When I got there, I sang the song with the orchestra for the first time. When I'd finished, Ray called me into the sound booth, grinning from ear to ear, and said, 'That's it. You're never going to do it better.' That was the first and only take we did."

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