



BRANDY

(You're A Fine Girl)

Elliot Lurie

LOOKING GLASS

1972

Epic Records #10874

The lead single from the album, **Looking Glass**, going to #1. Time - 2:55 / 3:10. Flip Side: "One by One". Released in U.S.A. May 18, 1972.

Recorded in Regent Sound Studios, New York, New York, USA. Produced by **Mike Gershman, Bob Liffin** and **Looking Glass**. Engineered by and .

This is a case where success can destroy you. The Looking Glass were a band with a heavy rock sound. This song was, however, lightweight and not consistent with their sound in general. It was originally released only as the B side to "Don't It Make You Feel Good". Washington, D.C. disc jockey Harv Moore flipped it over and it became a massive hit. As a result, most concert goers left disappointed, as they came to hear a band playing pop or lightweight rock. What they got was a lot heavier rock. The destruction happened quite quickly, as lead singer Elliot Lurie left a little more than a year later. The group changed their name to Fallen Angels to distance themselves from the song. It changed again a couple of years later to Starz. Nothing worked, but really, the band was over in 1974.

Looking Glass recorded Brandy three times to get it right. A couple of years later, Barry Manilow found a different song called Brandy. To avoid confusion with this song, he had to change the name to Mandy. Poor Randy, the girl the song was originally named after, did not get her name in either title.

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Elliot Lurie - 2016: The Tennessean

"Brandy is a made-up individual. The name was derived from a high school girlfriend I had whose name was Randy with an "R." Usually when I write — I still do it the same way I did back then — I strum some guitar and kind of sing along with the first things that come to mind. Her name came up. Then I started writing the rest of the song, and it was about a barmaid. I thought Randy was an unusual name for a girl, it could go either way, and (the song was about) a barmaid, so I changed it to Brandy. It took quite a while (to write it)...when I write, it is very tight and the rhyme schemes are tight, so the main part comes out very quickly, but all the adjustments and to get everything exactly right took quite a while. At least a week or two...We recorded "Brandy" two or three different times with various producers before we got it right."

Elliot Lurie

"Part of the problem that I saw with the group, was that 'Brandy' was not really typical of our live repertoire. We were a lot more of a hard-rock band than that record signified. When we went on tour, people who liked 'Brandy' were often disappointed with the overall show because we didn't really sound like the record. It was heavily overdubbed with strings and horns, and we were basically a guitar, piano, bass and drum rock 'n' roll band"

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ORIGINAL A-SIDE "Don't It Make You Feel Good"

There's a port on a western bay
And it serves a hundred ships a day
Lonely sailors pass the time away
And talk about their homes

And there's a girl, in this harbor town
And she works, laying whiskey down
They say "Brandy, fetch another round"
She serves them whiskey and wine

The sailors say "Brandy, you're a fine girl
What a good wife you would be
Yeah your eyes could steal a sailor
From the sea."

Brandy, wears a braided chain
Made of finest silver from the north of Spain
A locket, that bears the name
Of a man that Brandy loved

He came, on a summer's day
Bringing gifts, from far away
But he made it clear, he couldn't stay
No harbor was his home

The sailors said "Brandy, you're a fine girl
What a good wife you would be
But my life, my lover, my lady
Is the sea."

Yeah Brandy used to watch his eyes when he told his sailor's story
She could feel the ocean fall and rise, she saw it's raging glory
But he had always told the truth, Lord he was an honest man
And Brandy does her best to understand

At night, when the bars close down
Brandy walks through a silent town
And loves a man, who's not around
She still can hear him say, she hears him say

"Brandy, you're a fine girl
What a good wife you would be
But my life, my lover, my lady
Is the sea"

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Personnel

Elliot Lurie - lead vocals, guitar
Lawrence Gonsky - keyboards, backing vocals
Pieter Sweval - bass, backing vocals, cowbell
Jeff Grob - drum kit
Larry Fallon - horns