

## ABOUT WUTHERING HEIGHTS

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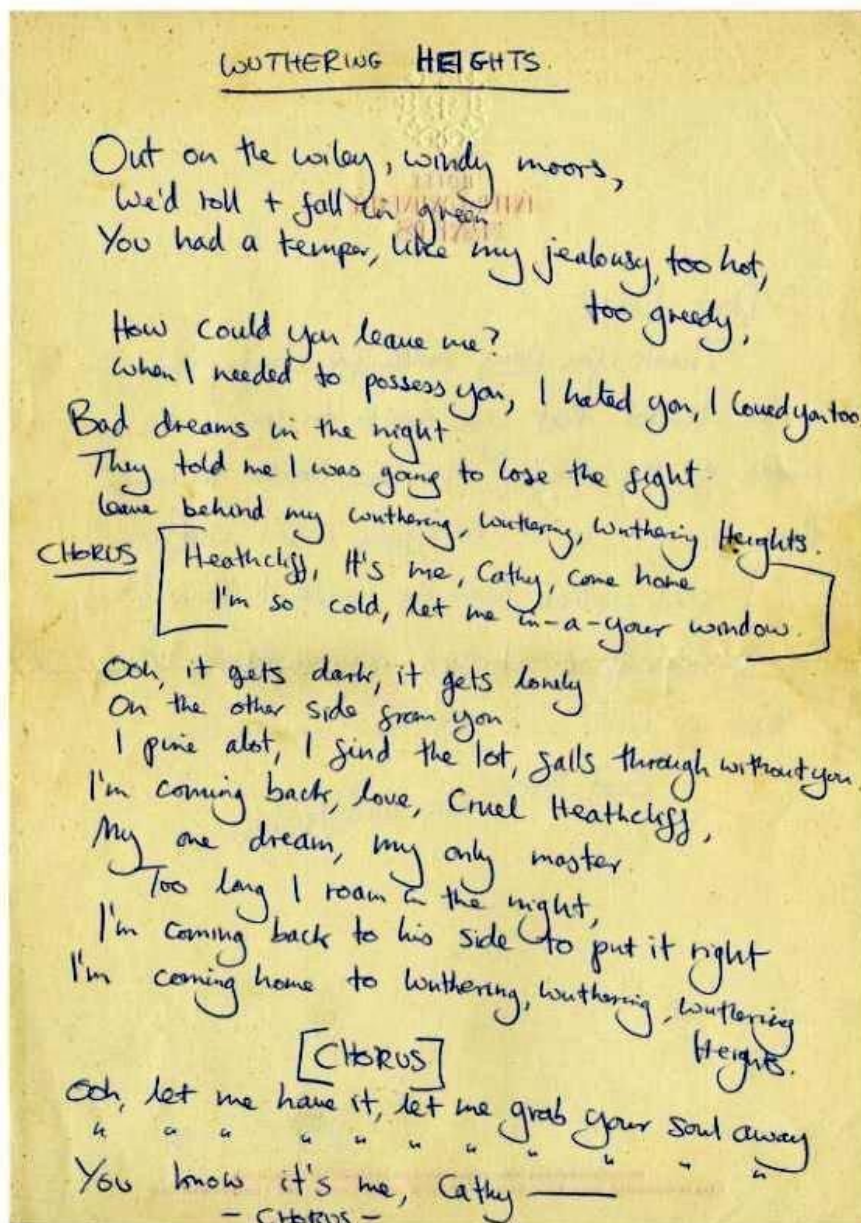
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**Wuthering Heights** was released as Kate Bush's debut single and lead single from her debut album, *The Kick Inside* (1978). The song rose to #1 on the UK Singles Chart, knocking ABBA from the top spot in March 1978. It also peaked at #1 internationally in Ireland, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. At just 19 years of age, Bush also became the first female artist to top the UK charts with a self-composed song.

"Wuthering Heights" is based on Emily Brontë's (only) novel of the same name. Bush was inspired by the 1967 BBC miniseries and later, the novel. She discovered that Brontë and her also share the same birthday — July 30.

The song quotes lines directly from the novel and focuses on two characters, **Heathcliff** and **Catherine Earnshaw**. The reader is introduced to Catherine (**Cathy**) following her death. During her lifetime, she shared **a romance with Heathcliff** but **ultimately married another**. Heathcliff did not take the rejection well, assuming that she never loved him, and became a bitter, violent man.

Below is a handwritten copy of the lyrics done by Kate Bush herself in response to a fan who asked her to write them out.



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