

# Crystal Gayle

One of the most popular and widely recognized female country singers of her era, Crystal Gayle's supple voice, her flair for ballads and her crossover-friendly country-pop style netted her several mainstream hits. Inspired by her sister's success Crystal learned to play the guitar and sing backup in her brother's folk band. While still in high school, she began to tour with her sister, Loretta Lynn, for a few weeks each summer. Her debut single was done in Loretta's style and reached the country Top 40.

Gayle's record label at the time wanted more of the same and a frustrated Crystal signed with United Artists in 1974. Producer Allen Reynolds, who was known for his superb musical instincts, was assigned to work her and under his mentoring she began to experiment with her style and phras-

ing en route to finding her own distinct voice.

Later that year, Gayle released her first album and the following year she landed her first Top Ten country hit, "Wrong Road Again." In 1976, "I'll Get Over You" became the first of her 20 number one hits. Reynolds, feeling that Crystal was poised for a larger breakthrough, encouraged her to record the jazz-flavored pop ballad "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue," which he felt sure had crossover potential. He was right - not only did the song hit number one on the country charts in 1977, it also climbed to number two on the pop side, garnered substantial international airplay and won Gayle a Grammy for Best Female Country Vocalist. In addition "We Must Believe in Magic," the accompanying album, became the first by a female country artist ever to go platinum.

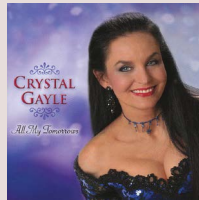
- ★ 1 Grammy Award
- ★ 3 ACM Awards
- ★ 22 #1 Singles
- ★ 7 Grammy Nominations

- ★ 4 ACM Nominations
- ★ 34 Top Ten Singles
- ★ 2 CMA Awards
- ★ 4 AMA Awards

- ★ 3 Platinum Albums
- ★ 10 CMA Nominations
- ★ 8 AMA Nominations
- ★ 5 Gold Albums

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ First female country artist to reach Platinum status
- ★ PEOPLE Magazine - Voted one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world in 1983
- ★ Performed National Fourth of July concert on the Mall in Washington D.C. with the Navy Band
- ★ Country Music Hall of Fame Spotlight Exhibit in 2014
- ★ Member of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame
- ★ First person to tape a performance on the Great Wall of China
- ★ Received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2007
- ★ First female country artist to host her own television special
- ★ Her first #1 duet, "You and I," with Eddie Rabbitt was her second Top Ten pop hit and is one of the most played wedding songs of all time
- ★ Her duet with Gary Morris, "Makin' Up For Lost Time," was used as the love theme for the prime-time show "Dallas" and was a #1 hit
- ★ First country artist to tour China in 1979
- ★ Numerous Platinum & Gold Albums Internationally
- ★ Has performed 3,000+ concerts for 10+million fans
- ★ Member of the Christian Music Hall of Fame
- ★ Performed for four U.S. Presidents
- ★ Member of the Native American Hall of Fame



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