

Up on the Roof

"Up on the Roof" is a song written by Gerry Goffin and Carole King and recorded in 1962 by The Drifters. Released at the tail end of that year, the song became a big hit, reaching number 5 on the U.S. pop singles chart and number 4 on the U.S. R&B singles chart. In addition to the hit appeal of the "second Drifters' lineup," Up on the Roof" epitomized the urban romantic dream as presented by New York City Brill Building writers. The 1980 Rolling Stone Illustrated History of Rock & Roll described "Up on the Roof" as "in every way a remarkable pop song for 1962," and in particular said of the above lyric, "From the internal rhyme of stairs' and cares to the image of ascending from the street to the stars by way on an apartment staircase, it's first-rate, sophisticated writing." In 2004, The Drifters' "Up on the Roof" was named number 113 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list. It is one of The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll.

