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Marek,

Congratulations on a wonderful article with a perfect title in harmony with the content on How Estelle Clarke conquered Hollywood! After you did a thorough job as an investigative journalist with proper due diligence in to the legendary life of Estelle Clark, you were able to write this amazing story through the eyes of Estelle Clark.

I enjoyed learning about the fascinating story of Estelle Clark including a background of other people in her life, like her famous songwriting husband Leo Robin, through the prism of Clarkie. The most interesting aspect of the story was her philosophy of life, more on this later. The photographs were wonderful as they enhanced the story and revealed more about her beginning with the first photo of her, filled with emotion, hands clasped over her heart, the couple of her, as a fashionista, all stylish clothing, first with a chic updo and earrings and next donning a floppy hat, followed by her husband Leo Robin with his ever present signature pipe and then the colorful movie posters.

The most fascinating part of the story, as I suggested earlier, was how her experiences in life would influence the roles she preferred to play on the screen. In life, she felt the tragedies or disappointments outweighed comedies or pleasures. This perception influenced her to prefer roles on the screen as comedy rather than tragedy. This reminds me of a symbol of theater or acting, universally, known as "the comedy and tragedy masks" or just "the theater masks," originating from Greek mythology. It was this perception that shaped her reaction to the transformation from the silent film era to the talkies. It was at this time she went from a great star from the silent era to a fading star with the emergence of the talkies.

Moreover, she seemed to experience profound sadness at the same time her husband Leo Robin was experiencing enormous success during this transformation. There is great irony given this transformation from the silent film era to the sound picture era that impacted her career with disappointment is what gave Leo Robin, with his God-given talent, the opportunity to become the legendary Dean of Lyrics. It is noteworthy that despite this friction that developed in their relationship and may have been the determinative factor in their marriage dissolution, Estelle kept the name Robin as her last name for eternity.

This is a compelling story that you have produced that people will find extremely interesting! We learn from the story that Estelle Clark is a true trailblazer legend as a star in the silent film era. It is truly fascinating to see this legendary actress put on her mask to play comedic roles while she felt such sadness at times in her own life. Of course, she didn't have to change masks when she had a drama role. I encourage you to do more stories like this where you get to know the person so well that you can write it so the reader can experience the life as if they see through the prism of the person's own eyes.

In Leo Robin's words from *Gulliver's Travels* -1939,

*"Faithful Forever,"*

*Leo Robin Music*

