4120n December 3, 1941, Duke Ellington and His Orchestra recorded "Perdido" for Standard Radio. Juan Tizol says he wrote "Perdido" on a train while sitting next to Herb Jeffries. The trombonist then handed it to Ellington who made an arrangement right the Perdido" and there, and that very night they played it at a dance. In 1944 Ervin Drake and Hans Lengsfelder were enlisted to fit lyrics to the tune, though the song was not generally sung with the Ellington band, the exception being Ella Fitzgerald. It is a popular Jazz piece for big bands.

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