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## **Abba's Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus unveil new pop songs.**

**Abba's Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus have unveiled their first new pop songs for more than 15 years.**

Despite Abba splitting in 1982, Andersson and Ulvaeus continued to work over the years, including the Chess musical in the 1980s.

Andersson said their last pop collaboration was on songs for an album by singer Josefin Nilsson in the early 1990s.

Their band's popularity has enjoyed a resurgence thanks to the Mamma Mia! musical and subsequent movie last year.

One song, Second Best To None, was recorded by employees at the hotel Andersson owns in Stockholm.

It was written for the staff as a treat and has since been released as a single in Sweden. Another track, Story of A Heart, will appear on the first English-language album from Andersson's current band The Benny Andersson Band. Ulvaeus wrote Swedish lyrics for the original and it has been translated into English for the UK release in July.

Andersson had the idea to record Second Best To None last September at the Hotel Rival's fifth birthday party, where the workforce had gathered.

"I realised that at least 20 of them were singing in amateur choirs in Stockholm," he said. "I asked them, do you want me to write a song for you and we can put it on our homepage? They said yes so that's what I did.

"And I asked Bjorn if he would like to write the lyrics, and we recorded it with the staff. We released it as a single as well. It's just a lot of fun and it's taking care of the staff at the hotel more than anything else."

The duo formed Abba along with Agnetha Faltskog and Anni-Frid Lyngstad, selling more than 370 million records and are famous for hits such as "Waterloo" and "Dancing Queen". The four members are rarely seen together in public, but were reunited in 2008 for the Swedish premiere of Mamma Mia!