B4980 BEYOND THE SEA (GERMANY/GREAT BRITAIN/USA, 2004)

Credits: director, Kevin Spacey ; writers, Kevin Spacey, Lewis Collick.
Cast: Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth, John Goodman, Bob Hoskins, Brenda Blethyn.
Summary: Biographical film on the life of Bobby Darin set in the U.S. from the 1940s until his death in 1973. The film jumps thru the highlights of Darin’s life, spending much time on his troubled relationship with Sandra Dee (Bosworth), but includes his attempt to re-invent himself in the 1960s as an anti-Vietnam War protest singer with his ‘Simple song of freedom.’

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