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Rikki . . . inspired

Singer **KS** Rikki reaches for the stars

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SINGER Rikki Peebles says the inspiration for the song that won him a place in Europe came from the stars . . . literally.

It was a close encounter with a UFO that 'tuned' him to write *Only the Light* — Britain's Eurovision Song Contest entry next month — claims the Scot. Rikki (above) says he was driving near his Glasgow home three years ago when he saw a huge light in the sky. Later he heard strange voices . . . then the lyrics flowed.

Contest

The 31-year-old singer, whose number topped ten TV entries in *A Song For Europe*, says he can see the future, a power given him by his extra-terrestrial experience. Certainly it gave him the power of publicity.

He says: 'It's really bizarre. It has changed my life. Now I believe in the unknown. Already I sense *Only the Light* will win in Brussels. I know it sounds stupid, but it is as if something is trying to communicate with me.' Rikki wrote hits in the seventies for the group *Middle of the Road* and also had an acting career in Scotland. Now he hopes *Only the Light*, which is all about his odd experience, will take off on the night. If he comes out top in the Eurovision Song contest he will be the first British winner since *Bucks Fizz* won with *Making Your Mind Up* in 1981. May the force be with him.