# The Dirty Dares: The Kingston Family's Descent into Chaos and Despair

The Kingston Family was once a beloved folk group, known for their catchy melodies and heartwarming lyrics. But their rise to fame was followed by a tragic descent into chaos and despair. This article explores the factors that led to their downfall, including their drug use, financial problems, and personal conflicts.



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#### The Rise and Fall of the Kingston Family

The Kingston Family was formed in the early 1950s by three brothers: Dave, Bill, and Ron. The brothers grew up in Kingston, Ontario, and they began singing together as children. In 1957, they released their first album, which was a critical and commercial success. The album featured the hit single "Tom Dooley," which became a worldwide sensation. The Kingston Family's success continued throughout the 1960s. They released a string of hit albums and toured extensively. They also appeared on numerous television shows and specials. But behind the scenes, the brothers were struggling with a variety of problems.

#### Drug Use

The Kingston Family's drug use began in the early 1960s. They started out by smoking marijuana, but they soon moved on to harder drugs, such as cocaine and heroin. Their drug use quickly spiraled out of control, and it began to take a toll on their health and their careers.

Dave Kingston, the eldest brother, was particularly hard hit by drug addiction. He became increasingly withdrawn and paranoid, and he began to neglect his responsibilities to the band. Bill and Ron Kingston also struggled with drug addiction, but they were able to get their lives back on track.

#### **Financial Problems**

The Kingston Family's financial problems began in the late 1960s. Their record sales began to decline, and they were forced to cancel a number of tours. They also made a number of poor financial decisions, which further exacerbated their problems.

In 1971, the Kingston Family filed for bankruptcy. They were forced to sell their homes and their belongings. They also lost the rights to their music catalog.

#### **Personal Conflicts**

The Kingston Family's personal conflicts began in the early 1970s. Dave Kingston's drug addiction led to a number of arguments and fights with his brothers. Bill and Ron Kingston also began to have conflicts with each other.

In 1973, the Kingston Family broke up. Dave Kingston went on to pursue a solo career, but he struggled with drug addiction and financial problems. He died in 1975 from a drug overdose.

Bill and Ron Kingston continued to perform together for a few years, but they eventually went their separate ways. Ron Kingston died in 2003 from cancer. Bill Kingston is still living, and he continues to perform occasionally.

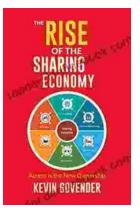
The Kingston Family's descent into chaos and despair is a cautionary tale about the dangers of fame and fortune. The brothers Kingston were talented musicians, but they were unable to handle the pressures of success. Their drug use, financial problems, and personal conflicts destroyed their careers and their lives.



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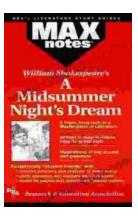
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