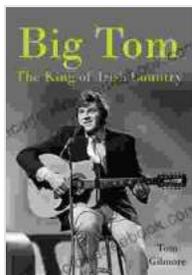


Big Tom: The King Of Irish Country



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Thomas Patrick O'Brien, known as Big Tom, was an Irish singer and songwriter. He was born in 1936 in Castleblayney, County Monaghan, Ireland. Big Tom began his musical career in the 1960s, and he quickly became one of the most popular Irish country music singers. He was known for his distinctive voice and his ability to write and sing songs that connected with people. Big Tom died in 2018 at the age of 82.

Early Life

Big Tom was born into a musical family. His father was a fiddle player, and his mother was a singer. Big Tom began singing at a young age, and he quickly developed a love of music. He left school at the age of 14 to work on his family's farm. However, he continued to sing and play music in his spare time.

Musical Career

Big Tom's musical career began in the early 1960s when he joined a local band called The Mainliners. The band played at local dances and weddings, and they quickly gained a following. In 1965, Big Tom released his first single, "Gentle Mother." The song was a hit, and it helped to launch Big Tom's career. In 1967, he released his debut album, "Big Tom And The Mainliners." The album was a success, and it helped to establish Big Tom as one of the most popular Irish country music singers.

Over the next few decades, Big Tom released a string of hit albums and singles. He became known for his distinctive voice and his ability to write and sing songs that connected with people. His songs often dealt with everyday life and the experiences of ordinary people. He was also known for his sense of humor, and he often included humorous songs in his sets. Big Tom toured extensively throughout Ireland and the UK, and he also performed in the United States and Canada. He was a regular performer on Irish television, and he also appeared in several films.

Big Tom was a major influence on Irish country music. He helped to popularize the genre and he inspired a generation of Irish country music singers. He was also a successful businessman. He owned a number of pubs and nightclubs, and he also released his own line of clothing and merchandise. Big Tom was a beloved figure in Ireland, and he was known as "The King Of Irish Country."

Death

Big Tom died on 17 April 2018 at the age of 82. He had been suffering from a long illness. His death was a major loss for the Irish music community. Big Tom was a true legend, and he will be remembered for his music and his contribution to Irish culture.

Legacy

Big Tom's legacy lives on through his music. His songs continue to be played on Irish radio stations, and they are still sung by people all over the world. Big Tom was a true pioneer of Irish country music, and he helped to pave the way for other Irish country music singers. He was a beloved figure in Ireland, and he will be remembered for his music and his contribution to Irish culture.

Discography

- Big Tom And The Mainliners (1967)
- Gentle Mother (1968)
- Big Tom Sings The Great Songs Of Ireland (1969)
- Big Tom And The Mainliners In Dublin (1970)
- Big Tom Sings The Great Songs Of America (1971)
- Big Tom And The Mainliners In Concert (1972)
- Big Tom Sings The Great Songs Of Scotland (1973)
- Big Tom And The Mainliners In London (1974)
- Big Tom Sings The Great Songs Of Wales (1975)
- Big Tom And The Mainliners In Belfast (1976)

Filmography

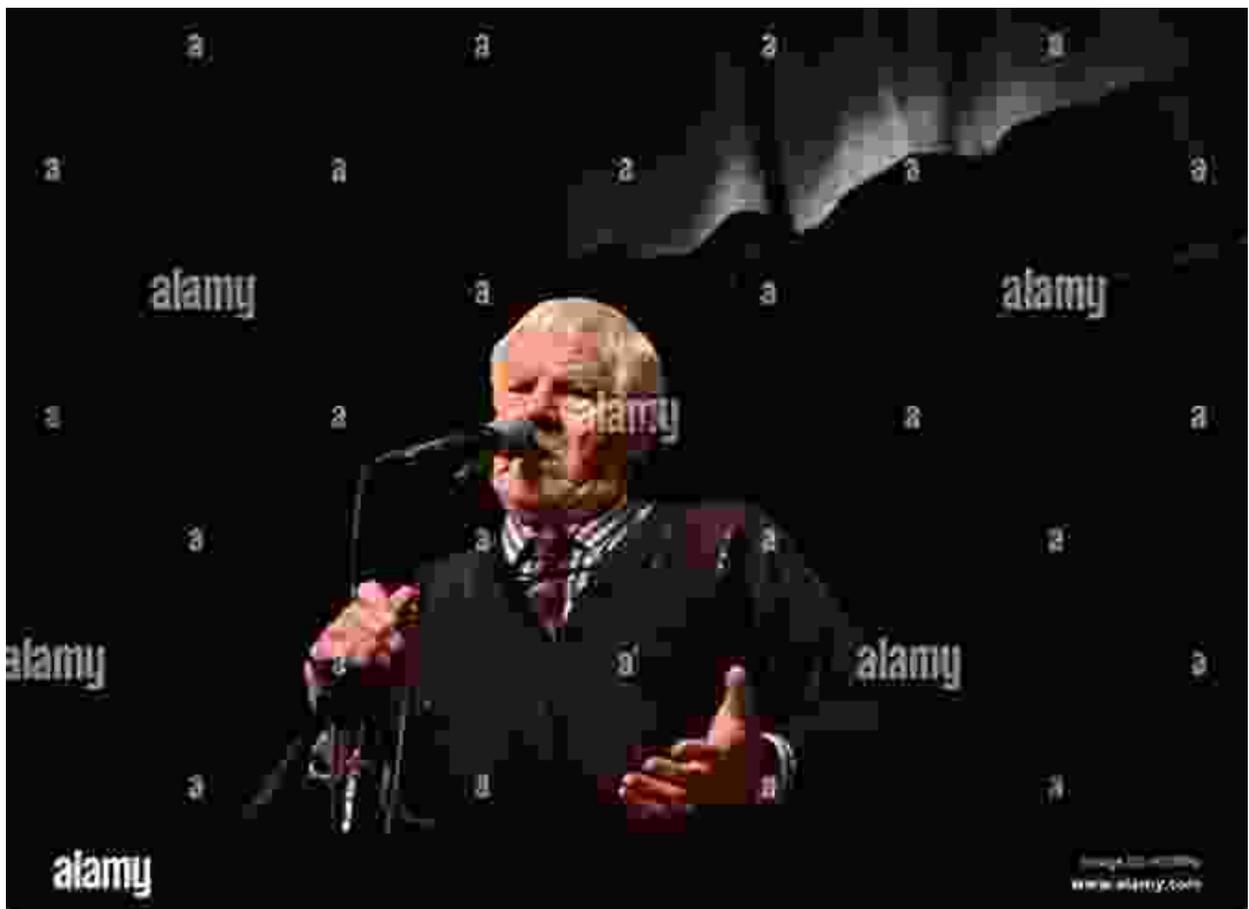
- Big Tom In Dublin (1968)
- Big Tom In Belfast (1970)
- Big Tom In London (1972)

- Big Tom In America (1974)
- Big Tom In Canada (1976)

Awards

- Irish Country Music Award for Album Of The Year (1968)
- Irish Country Music Award for Male Artist Of The Year (1969)
- Irish Country Music Award for Song Of The Year (1970)
- Irish Country Music Award for Lifetime Achievement (2005)

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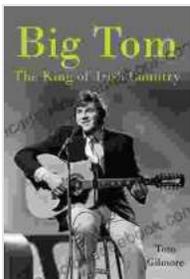


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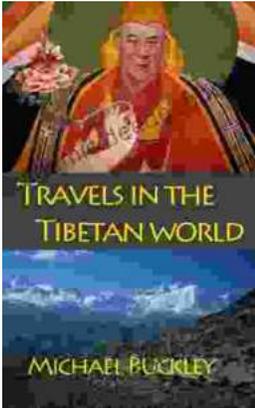
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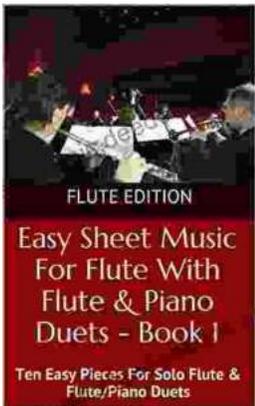
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