# Alec Wilkinson: The Protest Singer Who Changed American Folk Music

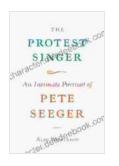


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# **Early Life and Career**

Alec Wilkinson was born in New York City in 1935. He began playing guitar and writing songs as a teenager. In the early 1960s, he moved to Greenwich Village, where he became a part of the folk music scene. Wilkinson's songs were often inspired by the social and political issues of the day, and he quickly gained a reputation as a protest singer.

#### **Rise to Fame**

In 1964, Wilkinson released his debut album, "The Times They Are A-Changin'." The album was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to launch Wilkinson's career as a major folk singer. Wilkinson's songs were often featured on radio and television, and he performed at major folk festivals across the country.

# Controversy

Wilkinson's songs were often controversial, and he was not afraid to speak out against social injustice. His song "The War Is Over" was banned by some radio stations because of its anti-war message. Wilkinson was also criticized for his support of the civil rights movement. Despite the

controversy, Wilkinson's music continued to inspire people, and he became one of the most popular folk singers of the 1960s.

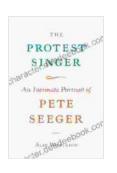
#### **Later Career**

In the 1970s, Wilkinson's music became more personal and introspective. He continued to write songs about social issues, but he also began to explore his own inner life. Wilkinson's later albums were not as commercially successful as his earlier work, but they were still critically acclaimed.

### Legacy

Alec Wilkinson died in 2007 at the age of 72. He left behind a legacy of powerful and inspiring music. Wilkinson's songs helped to raise awareness of important social issues, and they continue to inspire people today. Wilkinson is considered one of the most influential folk singers of the 20th century, and his music will continue to be remembered for generations to come.

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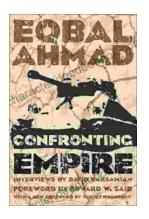


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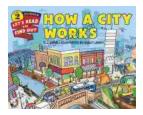
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