



## The Man Who Wrote the Teddy Bear s Picnic: How Irish-born Lyricist and Composer Jimmy Kennedy Became One of the Twentieth Century Finest Songwriters

By J. J. Kennedy

AUTHORHOUSE, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.A first biography of one of Britain s leading lyric songwriters. The Man Who Wrote The Teddy Bears Picnic tells the story of Irish-born Jimmy Kennedy, one of the last - and arguably the finest - of the professional Tin Pan Alley songwriters of the pre-Beatles golden age of poular song. A fascinating insight into the life of a man who rose from small town beginnings to become for fifty years the lyrical and musical power behind some of the twentieth century s top popular song entertainers from the days of Variety right up to The Beatles era. Jimmy had something like 30 No. 1 hits to his credit worldwide but is little known outside of music business circles. The book, written by his younger son, journalist J.J.Kennedy, sets out to remdy this omission and celebrates his contribution to the genre.Though his romantic ballads like Red Sails in the Sunset continue to be played all round the world, Jimmy is possibly best rembered today for the Cokey Cokey, which he adapted from a Canadian folk song in 1943, and...



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