# The Story of the Dixie Cups: The American Made Music Series

The Dixie Cups were an American girl group from New Orleans, Louisiana, who rose to fame in the early 1960s with their hit single "Chapel of Love". The group consisted of sisters Barbara Ann and Rosa Lee Hawkins, and their cousin Joan Marie Johnson.

The Dixie Cups' story is a classic tale of American success. They were born and raised in poverty in New Orleans, but they dreamed of becoming singers. In 1963, they signed with Red Bird Records and released their debut single, "Chapel of Love". The song was an instant hit, reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.



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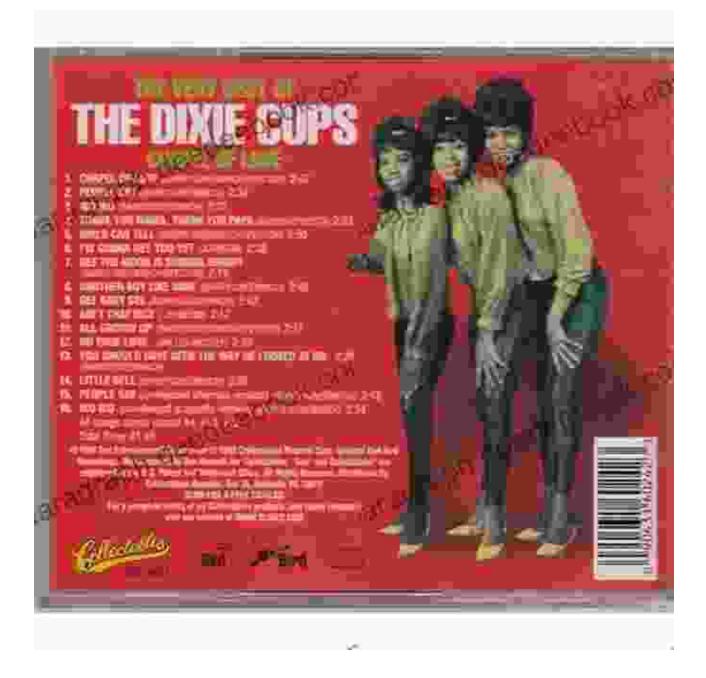
### Early life and career

The Dixie Cups were born and raised in the Tremé neighborhood of New Orleans, Louisiana. Their parents were both musicians, and the girls grew

up singing in church and at local talent shows.

In 1963, the Dixie Cups were discovered by record producer Harold Battiste. Battiste was impressed by the girls' voices and their natural musical ability. He signed them to a recording contract with Red Bird Records.

The Dixie Cups' debut single, "Chapel of Love", was released in 1964. The song was an instant hit, reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. The song's success launched the Dixie Cups' career, and they quickly became one of the most popular girl groups in the United States.



### Later career

After the success of "Chapel of Love", the Dixie Cups released several more hit singles, including "People Say" and "You Should Have Seen the Way He Looked at Me". They also toured extensively, performing with some of the biggest names in music, such as the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. However, the Dixie Cups' success was short-lived. In 1965, Barbara Ann Hawkins left the group to pursue a solo career. The remaining members continued to record and perform, but they never again achieved the same level of success.

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## Legacy

The Dixie Cups were one of the most successful girl groups of the 1960s. Their hit single "Chapel of Love" is still considered a classic today. The Dixie Cups' music has been featured in numerous films and television shows, and they have been inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

The Dixie Cups' story is a classic tale of American success. They were born and raised in poverty, but they dreamed of becoming singers. With hard work and determination, they achieved their dream and became one of the most popular girl groups in the United States.

The Dixie Cups were a talented and successful girl group who made a significant contribution to American music. Their hit single "Chapel of Love" is still considered a classic today, and their music continues to be enjoyed by fans around the world.



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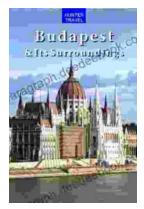
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