

And Then Came Agadoo: The Surprising History of Black Lace's Iconic Hit



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In the annals of pop music, few songs have achieved the same level of iconic status as "And Then Came Agadoo" by Black Lace. Released in 1984, the song became an instant smash hit, topping charts around the world and cementing the band's place in musical history. But behind the catchy tune and memorable lyrics lies a surprising and fascinating story.

The Origins of Agadoo

The story of "And Then Came Agadoo" begins in the early 1980s, when Black Lace was a struggling band from Manchester, England. The band members, who included Colin Gibb, Ian Robinson, and Dave Baron, had been playing together for several years but had yet to achieve any commercial success.

In 1983, the band was approached by producer Alan "Fluff" Freeman, who had a reputation for working with up-and-coming artists. Freeman was

impressed with Black Lace's sound and offered to produce their next single. The band agreed, and Freeman set about helping them write a song that would appeal to a wider audience.

The band members came up with the idea for "And Then Came Agadoo" while they were brainstorming in the studio. The lyrics were inspired by a children's song called "The Hokey Cokey," and the music was influenced by a variety of sources, including reggae and pop.

The song was recorded quickly and cheaply, and it was released in the summer of 1984. To the band's surprise, the song became an instant hit. It reached number one on the UK singles chart and stayed there for three weeks. It also topped the charts in several other countries, including Australia, Germany, and Switzerland.

The Agadoo Phenomenon

The success of "And Then Came Agadoo" was a major turning point in Black Lace's career. The song made them household names and helped them to establish themselves as one of the most popular bands in the world.

The song's popularity was due in part to its catchy tune and memorable lyrics. The song is also known for its unique dance, which involves waving one's arms in the air and moving one's hips from side to side.

The Agadoo dance became a global phenomenon, and it was even featured in a scene in the 1985 film "Back to the Future." The song has also been used in numerous commercials and television shows over the years.

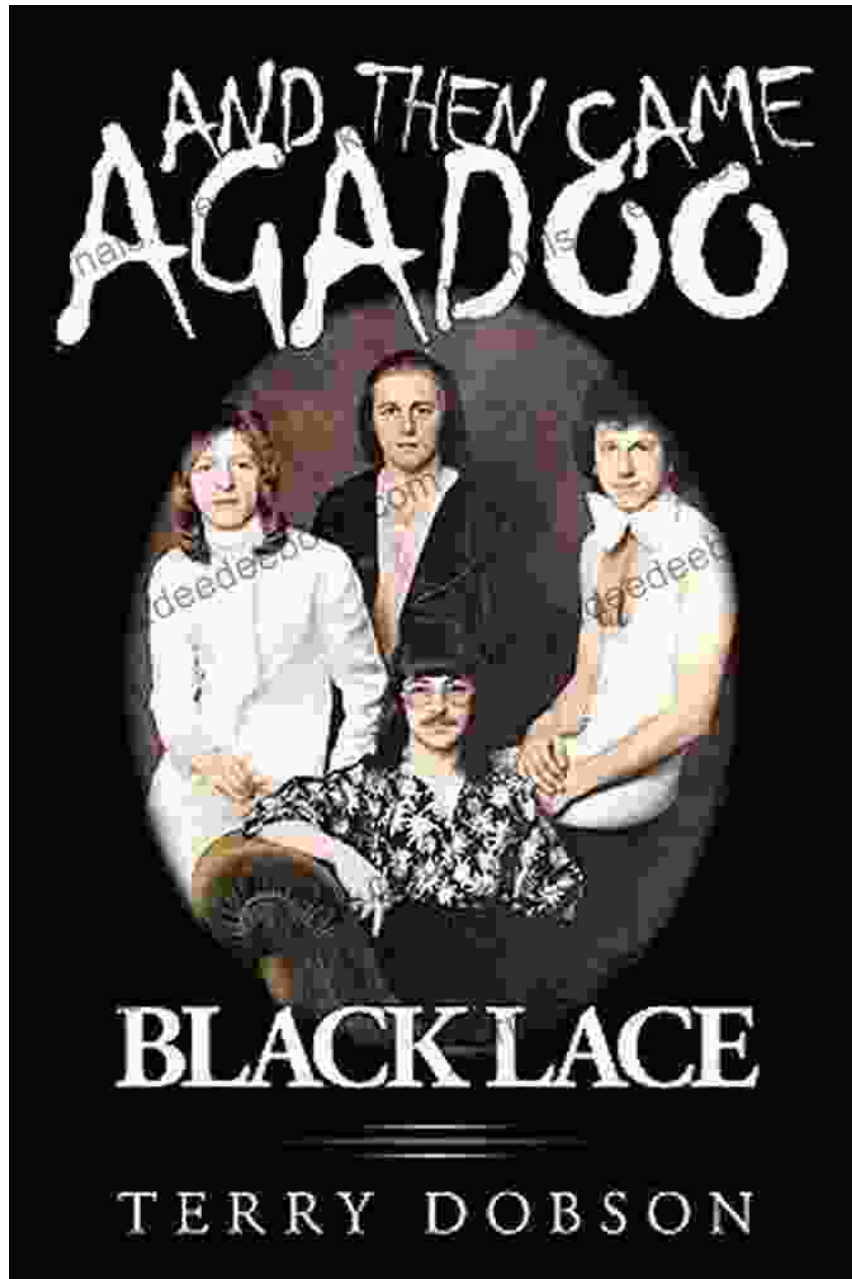
The Legacy of Agadoo

More than 35 years after its release, "And Then Came Agadoo" remains a popular and beloved song. It is still played on radio stations around the world and it is often featured at weddings, parties, and other special events.

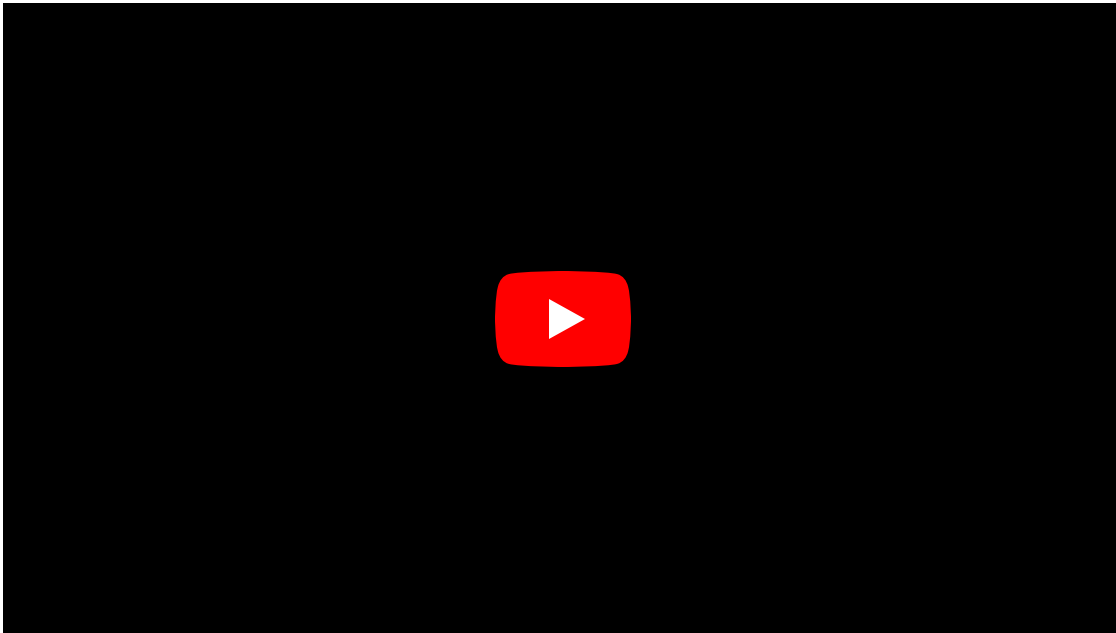
The song has been covered by numerous artists over the years, including the Beach Boys, Cher, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. It has also been featured in several films and television shows.

"And Then Came Agadoo" is a true pop classic that has stood the test of time. It is a song that brings joy to people of all ages and it is sure to continue to be enjoyed for many years to come.

"And Then Came Agadoo" is one of the most iconic pop songs of all time. Its catchy tune, memorable lyrics, and unique dance have made it a global phenomenon that has stood the test of time. The song is a testament to the power of pop music to bring people together and create lasting memories.



Black Lace performing "And Then Came Agadoo" in 1984



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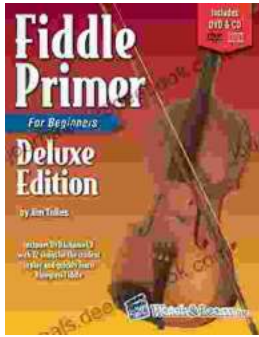


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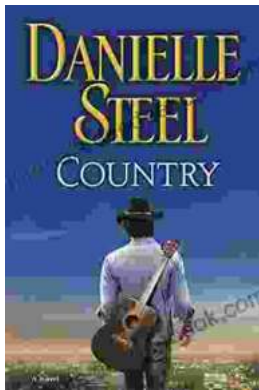
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