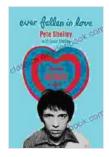
# Ever Fallen in Love (The Lost Buzzcocks Tapes): The Unseen Story of a Manchester Punk Classic



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In the annals of punk rock history, the Buzzcocks stand as one of the genre's most influential and enduring bands. Their 1978 album, "Love Bites," remains a cornerstone of the punk canon, a raw and energetic masterpiece that perfectly captured the spirit of the times. However, few know that the album's iconic title track was almost lost forever, existing only on a set of long-forgotten tapes that were thought to be gone forever.

### The Lost Tapes

In 1977, the Buzzcocks entered Strawberry Studios in Stockport, England, to record their debut album. The sessions were chaotic and fuelled by cheap drugs and alcohol, but amidst the madness, the band managed to capture the raw energy and passion of their live performances. Among the

songs they recorded was a blistering rendition of "Ever Fallen in Love," a song that would later become one of their most beloved tracks.

However, as the album's release date approached, the band was unhappy with the final mix of "Ever Fallen in Love." They felt that it lacked the urgency and power of their live performances. In a moment of frustration, the original tapes were discarded and the song was re-recorded at a later date.

## The Rediscovery

For decades, the original tapes of "Ever Fallen in Love" were considered lost. However, in 2018, they were miraculously rediscovered by a music archivist who had been digging through the vaults of Strawberry Studios. The tapes were in poor condition, but with careful restoration, the audio was eventually salvaged.

The rediscovery of the lost tapes was a major event for Buzzcocks fans. It offered a chance to hear the song in its original, unadulterated form, capturing the band's raw energy and passion as they first recorded it.

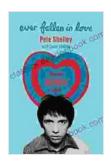
## The Significance

The lost tapes of "Ever Fallen in Love" are more than just a historical curiosity. They offer a unique glimpse into the creative process of one of the most important punk bands of all time. The songs on the tapes are rough and unpolished, but they also have a vitality and urgency that is often lacking in more polished recordings.

The tapes also shed new light on the making of "Love Bites." The album's title track was originally intended to be a much more aggressive song, but

the band's decision to re-record it resulted in a more melodic and accessible version. The lost tapes allow us to hear the song in its original form, giving us a better understanding of the band's creative journey.

The rediscovery of the lost Buzzcocks tapes is a reminder of the power of music history. These tapes offer a unique glimpse into the creative process of one of the most important punk bands of all time, and they provide a fascinating insight into the making of one of their most iconic songs. For fans of the Buzzcocks and punk rock in general, the lost tapes are an essential piece of music history that deserves to be celebrated.



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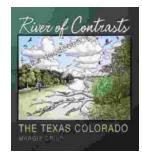
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