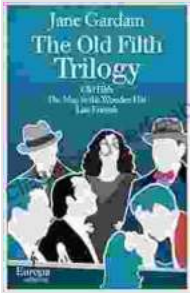# Old Fifth, The Man in the Wooden Hat, and Last Friends: A Tale of Three Eccentric Collaborations

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Old Fifth, The Man in the Wooden Hat, and Last Friends were three highly eccentric collaborations between the composer William Alwyn, the writer Malcolm Lowry, and the poet Elizabeth Smart. These works were all characterized by their unconventional form and content, and they have long fascinated scholars and fans alike.

Old Fifth

Old Fifth was a collaborative work between Alwyn and Lowry that was originally conceived as a film score. However, the film was never made, and the music was eventually released as a stand-alone work.

Old Fifth is a highly experimental piece of music that draws on a variety of influences, including classical, jazz, and folk. The work is full of strange and unexpected sounds, and it is often difficult to follow the composer's train of thought.

Despite its unconventional nature, Old Fifth has been praised by many critics for its originality and beauty. The work is a testament to the power of collaboration, and it shows what can be achieved when three talented artists work together.

The Man in the Wooden Hat

The Man in the Wooden Hat was a collaborative work between Alwyn and Smart that was originally conceived as a song cycle. However, the work was eventually expanded to include a narrator and a chamber orchestra.

The Man in the Wooden Hat is a dark and atmospheric work that tells the story of a man who is haunted by his past. The work is full of symbolism and allegory, and it is often difficult to interpret its meaning.

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Last Friends

Last Friends was a collaborative work between Alwyn, Lowry, and Smart that was originally conceived as a radio play. However, the work was eventually expanded to include a narrator and a chamber orchestra.

Last Friends is a tragic work that tells the story of two friends who are separated by death. The work is full of beautiful music and poetry, and it is deeply moving.

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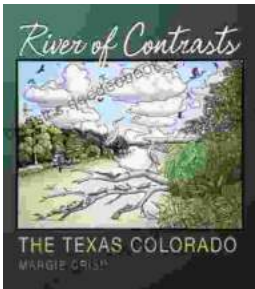### The Old Filth Trilogy: Old Fifth, The Man in the Wooden Hat, and Last Friends by Jane Gardam

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