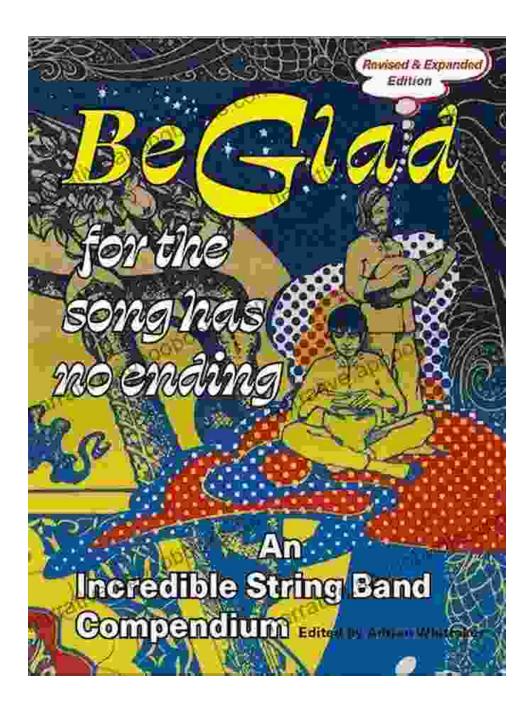
### Be Glad For The Song Has No Ending: A Literary Journey Through Time and Emotions



#### The Enduring Power of Poetry

In the vast tapestry of human experience, poetry has emerged as an enduring thread, weaving together the complexities of our emotions, thoughts, and dreams. "Be Glad For The Song Has No Ending," a revised and expanded edition by Thomas Lux, is a testament to the transformative power of words, offering readers a profound literary journey through time and emotions.





#### A Lyrical Exploration of Time

Time, as an enigmatic force, permeates the fabric of Lux's poetry. In "Sonnet in the Time of the Plague," he captures the fleeting nature of life amidst a global pandemic:

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# *""The days are brief, the nights are long and bold,/And the hour's glass is running out of sand." "*

Yet, in "The Voice Inside," he suggests that time can also be an illusion, a construct of the human mind:



# *""I am the voice inside that tells you there is no time,/That all is now and that you need no more."*

#### The Complexity of Emotions

Emotions, in their multifaceted glory and despair, serve as the heartbeats of Lux's poetry. In "The Ballad of the Hanged," he delves into the depths of grief and loss:

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# *""I have come to sing you the ballad/Of the man who hanged himself/In the woods behind the house.""*

In "The Wife's Lament," he explores the complexities of love and marriage:

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### ""I have been waiting for you since the day I was born,/And now that you are here, I don't know what to do.""

#### Literary Homage and Innovation

"Be Glad For The Song Has No Ending" is not merely a collection of poems but a literary homage to the masters who have inspired Lux. In "Homage to Pablo Neruda," he pays tribute to the Chilean poet's love for his homeland:

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*""You are the tongue of the people,/The voice of the voiceless./You are the poet of the poor,/Of the oppressed and* 

#### the forgotten.""

However, Lux also breaks free from tradition, embracing innovative forms and techniques. In "The Disappearance of the Universe," he employs fragmented syntax and surreal imagery to create a sense of cosmic awe:

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# *""The universe is disappearing./The stars are going out./The planets are falling apart./The galaxies are spinning away.""*

#### **Resonance with Human Experience**

The beauty and power of Lux's poetry lie in its ability to resonate deeply with human experience. His words evoke universal emotions, reminding us of our shared struggles, joys, and vulnerabilities. In "The Lesson," he offers a profound insight into the transformative power of loss:

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#### ""Loss is the lesson/That teaches us how to live.""

In "The Gift," he celebrates the simple pleasures of life that bring us true joy:

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*""The gift is the sun rising/And the moon setting./The gift is the rain falling/And the wind blowing.""* 

#### A Literary Legacy

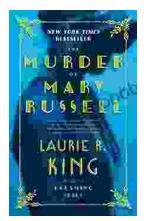
Thomas Lux's "Be Glad For The Song Has No Ending" is a masterfully crafted collection that solidifies his position as one of the most significant poets of our time. This revised and expanded edition offers readers a comprehensive and compelling journey through the human experience, exploring the complexities of time, emotions, and the very nature of existence. With its lyrical brilliance, innovative techniques, and profound insights, "Be Glad For The Song Has No Ending" is a literary masterpiece that will continue to enchant and inspire generations to come.



## Be Glad For the Song Has No Ending, revised and expanded edition: An Incredible String Band

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