

# Marc Bolan: Beautiful Dreamer, Tragic Star



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## Early Life and Career

Marc Bolan was born Mark Feld on September 30, 1947, in Stoke Newington, London. His father was a furniture salesman, and his mother was a dressmaker. Bolan showed an early interest in music, and by the age of 12 he was playing guitar and singing in local clubs.

In 1965, Bolan formed his first band, John's Children. The band released two albums, but failed to achieve commercial success. In 1967, Bolan met Tony Visconti, who would become his long-time producer and collaborator. Together, they wrote the song "Ride a White Swan," which became a hit single for Bolan in 1969.

## T. Rex

In 1970, Bolan formed T. Rex with drummer Mickey Finn. The band's early sound was a mix of folk, rock, and psychedelic music. But it was with the release of their third album, *Electric Warrior*, in 1971, that T. Rex truly found their own unique sound.

*Electric Warrior* was a critical and commercial success, and it spawned the hit singles "Get It On" and "Jeepster." The album helped to define the glam rock era, and it made Bolan one of the most popular and influential musicians of the early 1970s.

## Later Career

T. Rex continued to release successful albums throughout the early 1970s, including *The Slider* (1972), *Tanx* (1973), and Bolan's *Zip Gun* (1975). But by the mid-1970s, the band's popularity began to decline. Bolan also struggled with drug addiction, and his personal life became increasingly chaotic.

In 1977, Bolan died in a car accident at the age of 29. His death shocked the music world, and it marked the end of an era.

## Legacy

Marc Bolan was a visionary musician who left an indelible mark on popular culture. His music continues to be played and enjoyed by fans around the world. Bolan was a true original, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Marc Bolan was a beautiful dreamer who lived a tragic life. But despite his untimely death, his music continues to bring joy to people around the world. Bolan was a true star, and his legend will never die.



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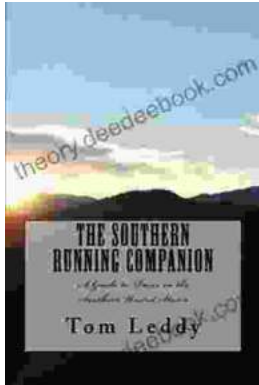
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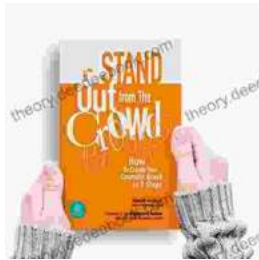
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