

# THE KINGSTON TRIO

## Kingston Trio Trivia

Think back ... if you can ... 1959 ... you had just heard “Tom Dooley” for the first time. Do you remember?

**“Tom Dooley” DID get the group going but they didn’t stop there. Do you know that they set a record that has NEVER been equaled by anyone? Not Elvis. Not Michael Jackson. Not the Beatles. No one. Not even Taylor Swift.**

For an incredible 2 year period from June, 1958, through July, 1960, they released seven albums. Every one of them went GOLD and became #1!!

**Their first album only took 4 days to record ... February 20 to 23, 1958 in Los Angeles at Capitol Records Studio B ... an impossible feat by today’s standards.**

On December 7, 1959, “Billboard” listed FOUR Trio albums in the Top Ten for that week. They stayed in the Top Ten for a total of FIVE weeks. Again, this was a feat unsurpassed to this day.

**One of their albums was in the Top 100 for 4 1/2 years.**

**Such groups as the Beach Boys, the Beatles, the Eagles, the Mamas and the Papas, and Kenny Rogers and Glen Campbell all credit the Trio with having been an influence in their music.**

Bob Shane, the leader of the Trio likes to say “Tom Dooley saved Country and Western Music”: “Tom Dooley” was the runaway hit in 1958 and when it came time for the Grammys on May 10 they had to create a new category, “Best Country and Western Vocal Performance of 1958”.

**They have released 32 albums. They continue to tour 11 months out of the year.**

**There have been 10 members of the Kingston Trio over the years:** Bob Shane, Nick Reynolds, Dave Guard, John Stewart, Jim Conner, Pat Horine, Bill Zorn, George Grove, Roger Gambill, Bob Haworth. Other than Bob Shane, George has been a member the longest - 37 years.

Musically, we remember the decade of the Sixties in terms of the Beatles and those who followed them across the ocean. The USA quickly responded with the Beach Boys, The 4 Seasons, and Motown. Folk music grew up - or at least experienced adolescence - with Bob Dylan and the Byrds leading the pack.

And yet, as the decade of the Sixties came to a close it found that the Kingston Trio records continued to sell as sales more than doubled by the end of the decade proving the timeless quality of their music and style. Two records from its very first year outrank most of the heavyweights of that ten year span. However, statistical research from Billboard lists Sold Out (1960) as the eighth best selling album of the Sixties and String Along (1962) as number 12.

Once in Australia a kangaroo hopped off with the Trio’s concert earnings “Tom Dooley” sold more 45’s than all of Peter, Paul & Mary’s put together. The Trio has been acknowledged as an influence on the Beach Boys, The Eagles, Buffalo Springfield, ABBA, and Fleetwood Mac

**Where did the Trio receive the song Scotch and Soda?**

Dave Guard wrote it

Bob Shane Wrote it

Travis Edmondson wrote it

**In 1964 Capitol Records released a Capitol Record Club promo featuring the Kingston Trio and two other vocal groups. Who are they? The Beatles and the Beach Boys**

The Kingston Trio earned how many Gold Records? Seven