



Bill Pinkney and The Drifters

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The Drifters, an all-time favorite group of beach music fans, changed the course of popular music with songs like "Money Honey," "On Broadway," "Up On The Roof" and "Under The Boardwalk." The group was first formed in 1953 by Clyde McPhatter, but disbanded after he was drafted. The group has been resurrected twice—first by Ben E. King in 1959 and later by Bill Pinkney, who was McPhatter's original bass singer.