

# Miley Cyrus Faces Lawsuit for Alleged Bruno Mars Song Copying

## Description

Miley Cyrus is facing a lawsuit alleging that her song "Flowers," which won a Grammy, borrowed elements from Bruno Mars' track "When I Was Your Man." Tempo Music Investments, which owns part of the U.S. copyrights to Mars' song, filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles, naming Cyrus and her co-songwriters as well as companies like Sony Music Publishing as defendants.

The lawsuit claims that "Flowers" infringes on Mars' song by replicating key elements like melody, harmony, and lyrics without permission. Despite the subtle mention of flowers in both songs, the lawsuit argues that the similarities are unmistakable, particularly in the opening vocal line of the chorus.

The complaint digs into the technical aspects of the songs, highlighting the alleged similarities in melodic patterns, bass lines, and lyrical content. It asserts that "Flowers" is essentially a derivative work of "When I Was Your Man," created without proper authorization.

The lawsuit is seeking damages, the amount of which will be determined during the trial, potentially amounting to substantial sums due to the immense success of "Flowers." Cyrus' representatives declined to comment on the matter. This legal battle could have significant implications for the music industry, shedding light on the intricacies of copyright law and artistic inspiration.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Lawsuit** /'lɔ:su:t/ (noun): A legal action taken in a court of law to settle a dispute.
2. **Infringes** /ɪn'frɪndʒɪz/ (verb): To violate or encroach upon a law or agreement.
3. **Derivative** /dɪ'rɪv.ə.tɪv/ (adjective): Originating from or based on another source.
4. **Alleging** /ə'lɛdʒɪŋ/ (verb): Claiming or asserting something typically without proof.
5. **Implications** /,ɪm.plɪ'keɪ.ʃənz/ (noun): Possible outcomes or effects that may result from an action or decision.
6. **Substantial** /səb'stænʃl/ (adjective): Of considerable importance size or worth.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who filed the lawsuit against Miley Cyrus regarding her song "Flowers"?

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- Option: Sony Music Publishing
- Option: Tempo Music Investments
- Option: Bruno Mars
- Option: Tata Group

2. Which element from Bruno Mars' track is alleged to have been borrowed by Miley Cyrus in her song "Flowers"?

- Option: Bass lines
- Option: Harmony
- Option: Drum beats
- Option: Rap verses

3. In which city was the lawsuit filed against Miley Cyrus?

- Option: New York
- Option: Los Angeles
- Option: London
- Option: Paris

4. What is the main focus of the lawsuit against Miley Cyrus?

- Option: Unauthorized lyrics
- Option: Inadequate tempo
- Option: Copyright infringement
- Option: Stage performance

5. Why does the lawsuit claim that "Flowers" is essentially a derivative work of "When I Was Your Man"?

- Option: Similar mention of flowers in lyrics
- Option: Identical melodies
- Option: Different tempo
- Option: No vocal lines

6. What could be the significant implication of this legal battle in the music industry?

- Option: Enhanced artistic collaboration
- Option: Devaluation of copyright law
- Option: Insight into copyright law complexities
- Option: No impact on music industry

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Tempo Music Investments 2. Harmony 3. Los Angeles 4. Copyright infringement 5. Identical melodies 6. Insight into copyright law complexities

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term describes behavior involving deception or misleading?

- Option: Perpetuated
- Option: Apology
- Option: Deceitful
- Option: Indicted

2. What does the term "eligibility" represent when reversed?

- Option: Inefficiencies
- Option: Ineligibility
- Option: Coercion
- Option: Dramatic

3. What term is used to describe something being unveiled or revealed?

- Option: Exposed
- Option: Complicit
- Option: Racketeering
- Option: Lawsuit

4. Which term refers to a heated argument or dispute?

- Option: Exposing
- Option: Derivative
- Option: Altercation
- Option: Implications

5. What term means being officially mentioned or recognized for a wrongdoing?

- Option: Cited
- Option: Implication
- Option: Frustration
- Option: Complicit

6. What legal action is taken in court against another party?

- Option: Derivative
- Option: Lawsuit
- Option: Apology
- Option: Uncertain

7. What term refers to the practice of persuading someone to do something through force or threats?



Option: Speculating  
Option: Elucidated  
Option: Coercion  
Option: Exposed

8. Which term describes an attitude of expressing regret or remorse?

Option: Infringes  
Option: Apologetic  
Option: Alleging  
Option: Elucidated

9. What term means of considerable importance size or worth?

Option: Substantial  
Option: Infringes  
Option: Deceitful  
Option: Alarming

10. Which term represents the feeling of being upset or annoyed due to being unable to achieve something?

Option: Alarming  
Option: Frustration  
Option: Perpetuated  
Option: Implications

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. His behavior became more \_\_\_\_\_ as the situation escalated.

12. The hike up the mountain was extremely \_\_\_\_\_ and tested our physical abilities.

13. The suspect refused to comment on the potential \_\_\_\_\_ of his actions.

14. The journalists were \_\_\_\_\_ about the possible outcomes of the political scandal.

15. The authorities are investigating the \_\_\_\_\_ that occurred at the factory last night.

16. The organized crime group was involved in illegal \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

17. She was accused of being \_\_\_\_\_ in the embezzlement scheme.

18. The new product was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the original design with minor modifications.

19. She had difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ her emotions after the traumatic experience.

20. The professor \_\_\_\_\_ the complex theory in a way that was easy to understand.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Despite evidence proving his innocence the false rumors were by the media.

22. The corrupt officials were on charges of fraud and conspiracy.

23. The strict criteria must be met to determine the of candidates for the scholarship.

24. His sincere was accepted by the offended party and peace was restored.

25. The new policy on the rights of citizens leading to protests.

26. The security cameras captured several suspicious in the parking lot last week.

27. His future career path remained after he lost his job unexpectedly.

28. The artist's new painting was a brilliant of classical techniques.

29. The lawyer was that his client was framed for the crime.

30. The defense attorney refuted the of financial misconduct against his client.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Deceitful 2. Ineligibility 3. Exposed 4. Altercation 5. Cited 6. Lawsuit 7. Coercion 8. Apologetic 9. Substantial 10. Frustration

**Gap-Fill:** 11. alarming 12. strenuous 13. implication 14. speculating 15. incident 16. racketeering 17. complicit 18. derivative 19. expressing 20. elucidated

**Matching sentence:** 1. perpetuated 2. indicted 3. eligibility 4. apology 5. infringes 6. incidents 7. uncertain 8. derivative 9. alleging 10. allegation

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