



# 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** /'lɔːsu: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'ledʒɪŋ/ (verb): Claiming or asserting something typically without proof.
5. **Implications** /,ɪm.plɪ'keɪ.jənz/ (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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