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Subject: Louie Louie

Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 03 May 2009 19:52:49 GMT

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Subject: Re: Louie Louie

Posted by [Mike Bloomer](#) on Mon, 04 May 2009 04:06:55 GMT

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I only bring this up because if the radio station has already theoretically paid royalties on the music it broadcasts over the airwaves. It seems to me that in this wonderful age of technology that collecting performance royalties would be a snap. Radio stations have to keep a playlist right? ASCAP and BMI have access to that information. They also keep track of their artists. Seeing that artists get their performance royalties is supposed to be why they exist.

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Yes, I know the store only pays \$7 to \$9, but CDs cost less than a dollar to produce compared to \$2 or \$3 for vinyl. It seems to me that if the record company advances the artist on their future royalties, then shouldn't they also have some responsibility in seeing that royalties get paid?

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"James McCloskey" <[excelsm@hotmail.com](mailto:excelsm@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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Posted by [tonehouse](#) on Mon, 04 May 2009 14:10:57 GMT

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The fact is "Louie Louie" was a "traditonal" Calypso song,that was then re-written by Richard Berry,who got the "writer's credit"...Jack Ely was the original singer for the Kingsmen,they didn't even know the real lyrics,which are written in "pidgen English"..

"Mike Bloomer" <tubeguru2006@gmail.com> wrote in message news:49fe69df\$1@linux...

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So if he didn't know the real words and made them up wouldn't that be considered authorship? I realize that Berry is listed as the author and Ely probably doesn't want to sue him ...  
MB

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