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Dear Editor:

A crime and transgression second only to rape and cold-blooded murder is the theft of intellectual property, of which, a Mr. Jimmy Webb, ~~having~~ having plucked a song, which I composed, is guilty.

I warned Mr. Webb in a letter in mid-July that if he didn't come forward with a confession and an apology, I might begin writing to newspapers across the country.

Since Mr. Webb has not responded, I have begun writing to those news dailys which lie along the track from where I left my ^{in the EAST Bay Area,} mother, in June, 1962, to where I landed in Salinas, broke and desperate for a job. I never made it to my destination, but had to turn ~~back~~ around in L.A., for lack of funds.

If one can't guess the song to which I am referring (By the Time I Get to Phoenix), one is too young to remember it. I am sincerely,

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