

December 31, 2020

RE: Carnival Youth- Surf

I am writing with respect to Carnival Youth and more specifically, Surf.

I am a professional songwriter and Producer based in Canada. I write and produce music in my own right, as well as in collaboration with an American songwriter. Our works have been featured on CNN, Saturday Night Live, motion pictures and a variety of other International placements.

Please understand that this email is not meant to be critical, but helpful. I firmly believe that Carnival Youth has a massive worldwide hit with the song "Surf". There are some very serious problems with it however, and I would suggest that it immediately be removed from the internet until such time that it can be re-cast and re-released. The following supports why I am suggesting this:

The strength of the song is that it has a happy, easy feel to it. One can't help but feel good when hearing it. That essence, is best captured in the Columbesessions performance on the dock. The studio recorded version with video (and I mean no disrespect to the producers of those products), has missed the essence of the song.

The prominence of the ukulele in the Columsesessions version, is lacking in the produced version. As such, that happy feel that I mentioned, has been buried. In effect, the song has been stripped of its strength. Also, the song is over produced.

The bridge in the recorded version, and in the produced version, does not quite work., However, I completely understand how it could work and with some musical adjustments, it will sit in there perfectly. At present, it is not so. Again, please do not take my comments critically. They are in the best interests of the song, which I believe in.

Think about the state the world is in at the moment. It has been turned upside down in terms of misery related to COVID 19. It needs a song like Surf, however, Surf requires a significant adjustment.

If you are interested in pursuing this further, you may contact me at caldifalco@icloud.com. I kindly ask that you do not share my email address.

Sincerely,

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