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June 10 1940

Mr. F. J. A. Forster,
Forster Music Pub. Co.,
218 South Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mr. Forster:

Thanks for the copies of music for
my permanent file.

I cant tell you how sorry I am to
discover that the song "THE OLD MAN'S STORY" "Author
Unknown" "Music By TEX OWENS" is an original composi-
tion of mine. I am enclosing an exact copy of the song
as it was written and copyrighted by me in 1938 and I
believe you will agree that it is too obviously an
exact copy of my song, for there to be any question
about it.

The whole melody with the exception
of the first, ninth and twenty-fifth bars (which are a
repetition of the theme) is exactly the same, to say
nothing of the four verses of lyrics. In other words,
the words nor the music are in any way, by Tex Owens.

I realize that you are the "innocent
by-stander" in this instance, but I certainly feel that
something should be done as far as Tex Owens and I are
concerned. There's getting to be too much of this sort
of business. I've had the same thing happen with another
of my songs recently - "Goin' Home" - which was "lifted"
bodily from another publication.

Please let me hear from you and rest
assured that I fully appreciate your position in the
matter.

My kindest regards

Sincerely yours,

CJR.p