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Dear Editor:

In a mid-July letter, addressed to Mr. Jimmy Webb, the alleged author and composer of the song, "By The Time I Get to Phoenix", I warned that if he, Mr Webb, does not come forward soon with a confession and an apology for having taken credit for "writing" a song that I composed, over 48 years ago, I would begin contacting major newspapers and exposing him for the fraud that he is.

As expected, Mr. Webb has not responded. Therefore, with this letter, I have begun writing to news dailys, the first four being associated with towns and cities lying on the route I took on my way to Phoenix, from where I had lived with my mother now-deceased mother (that "girl I left so many times before"), in a nice home, on Gilman street, in Berkeley, to my final destination.

I never made it to Phoenix. I ran out of money around 3 AM, in L.A. and barely had enough to get back, north, to Salinas, where I found a job in a brocero camp, working in the fields, bucking (lifting) 75-pound lettuce bales on to semi truck/trailers.

As of this writing, I am challenging Mr. Jimmy Webb to a duel - a duel of polygraph ~~test~~ tests. Mr. Webb will, of course, refuse. I will not.

For more information, please visit my website:
rogersmithartandopera.com. I am sincerely,

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