

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA WESTERN DIVISION

MARCUS GRAY; ET AL.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

KATY PERRY; ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-CV-05642-CAS(JCx)

SPECIAL VERDICT

We the jury in the above-entitled action answer the questions submitted to us as follows:

#### **Question 1**:

Did Plaintiffs prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that "Dark Horse" contains material from the musical composition "Joyful Noise" that is both original to Plaintiffs and not commonplace expression?

If you answer Question 1 "No," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 1 "Yes," then proceed to answer Question 2.

## **Question 2**:

Did Plaintiffs prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the "Joyful Noise" and "Dark Horse" musical compositions are objectively substantially similar in copyrightable protectable expression?

If you answer Question 2 "No," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 2 "Yes," then proceed to answer Question 3.

#### Question 3:

Did Plaintiffs prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that an ordinary, reasonable person would find that the total concept and feel of the "Joyful Noise" and "Dark Horse" musical compositions are substantially similar in copyrightable protectable expression?

If you answer Question 3 "No," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 3 "Yes," then proceed to answer Question 4.

## **Question 4**:

Did Plaintiffs prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that "Joyful Noise" was widely disseminated such that Defendants had a reasonable opportunity to hear "Joyful Noise" prior to creating "Dark Horse"?

If you answer Question 4 "No," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 4 "Yes," then proceed to answer Question 5.

## **Question 5**:

Did Defendants prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that they did not avail themselves of the opportunity to hear "Joyful Noise" prior to creating "Dark Horse"?

If you answer Question 5 "Yes," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 5 "No," then proceed to answer Question 6.

# Question 6:

Did Defendants prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that Defendants independently created "Dark Horse"?

If you answer Question 6 "Yes," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 6 "No," then proceed to answer Question 7.

# **Question 7**:

Did Plaintiffs prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the inclusion of the instrumental music (i.e., the beat) created by Mr. Ojukwu in "Joyful Noise" is part of a joint work of authorship with the other Plaintiffs?

If you answer Question 7 "No," turn to the last page, sign and return this verdict.

If you answer Question 7 "Yes," then proceed to answer Question 8.

# **Question 8**:

As to each defendant listed below, do you find by a preponderance of the evidence that he/she/it copied "Joyful Noise" or distributed "Dark Horse"?

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Capitol Records, LLC	Yes	No
Jordan Houston	Yes <u>/</u>	No
Lukasz Gottwald	Yes <u></u>	No
Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson	Yes	No
Sarah Theresa Hudson	Yes	No
Karl Martin Sandberg	Yes/_	No
Henry Russell Walter	Yes <u></u>	No
WB Music Corp.	Yes _	No
Kobalt Music Publishing	•	
America, Inc.	Yes _	No
Kasz Money, Inc.	Yes	No

After answering "Yes" or "No" for each Defendant, turn the page, sign and return this verdict.

The foreperson should now sign this verdict form.

Dated: July 19, 2019

After this verdict form has been signed, notify the clerk that you are ready to present your verdict in the courtroom.