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Comment:

I had to completely abandon a project after being unable to contact holders of several copyrighted workd from the '60s. What's especially galling was that much of the work was NEWS FOOTAGE, which we should be free to redistribute. However, some of the works were poems and song lyrics,

Please, PLEASE fix copyright! Intellectual property rights are important, but they lose their intellectual value when they are locked away and unavailable for use.

I think a copyright holder should have to rener YEARLY with a valid physical and electronic address, and that copyrights should never exceed fifty years.