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NO, NO, NO!

Copyright was created to protect. We need to keep copyright. It is up to the user to trace the owner in order to obtain copyright.

The web makes this an easier task than ever before.

Not being able to secure a right of use doesn't make it a case to remove all such protection. The damage would be huge, and the result would be the loss of all those who make copyrighted works. We cannot survive without this legal protection to prevent our works being abused. Quality would go, creative energy would be lost.

We artists cannot survive without work... why not continue to search, and if a search fails, then ask for someone else to create a new suitable piece?

Artists CAN create their visions, academics CAN convey their ideas, the copyright holder was most likely paid at least once for the image... and could be paid a small amount again.

There is already enough copyright-free work available, so continue as we are and be willing to pay for new works to be created. Art doesn't grow on trees, it is created, it is a job, no one can work for nothing and remain creative.

Keep copyright protection.

June Goulding