

**"Heart and Soul, I Fell in Love With You" by Jennifer Finney Boylan, January 5, 2021**

JLG <jlg@jlgraubart.com>

To: letters@nytimes.com

Fri, Jan 8 at 6:56 PM

Dear Editor:

As an entertainment lawyer for 50+ years, I have many stories worth repeating, but none better than suggested by Jennifer Finney Boylan's delightful "Heart and Soul...." (NYT, 1/5/21).

Although living and working in Manhattan in 1985, I was in Los Angeles on business, and had been invited to the home of "Bumps" Blackwell ("Long Tall Sally," etc.). Bumps had just finished giving a piano lesson to an adult pupil, whose pre-teen daughter, like me, was waiting.

Her dad's lesson over, she was at the piano playing the bass part of "Heart and Soul." Calling upon an ancient memory, I joined her to play the treble part. While my young new companion was delighted to have a partner, I was thoroughly unhappy with my undeniably rusty performance. Unexpectedly, Herbie Hancock arrived. I asked him to take my place at the piano. My new friend was more than crestfallen seeing me cede my place at the piano. Surprisingly, she turned to Herbie, asking him: "Do you think you know what you are doing?"

A masterpiece followed!

Jeffrey L. Graubart

Law Offices of Jeffrey L. Graubart, P.C.

Post Office Box 130

Gualala, California 95445-0130 USA

Telephone: +1 (707) 785-1006

E-mail: info@jlgraubart.com

www.entertainmentlaw.la