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Contrafact Project

<u>Lyrics</u>

Intro

Everybody listen up

Hey hey hey

Hey hey hey

Hey hey hey

Everybody listen up

Hey hey hey

Hey hey hey

Hey hey hey

Verse 1

Something is clear in how you behave Your way of treating women is out of date Just know that no means no The one thing to accept Is an informed, enthusiastic, and clear yes

Bridge

Ok, now my goal
Is to educate you
I'm not an animal
You can't just come and "take it"
Even if I shake it
What I do is my choice
I have my own voice
And you should know that

Chorus

I'm not your girl
Don't always want it
You can't assume it
Don't always want it
I'm not your girl
Your view's problematic
You've gotta ask me

You can't just nag me
Consent's defined
Don't always want it
You can't assume it
Don't always want it
I'm not your girl
The way you grab me
That's called harassment
Can't disrespect me

Verse 2

I'm not an invitation
Not just your recreation
Don't matter what I'm wearing
I do not exist to please you
I'm not some object
Hey, hey, hey
I demand respect
Hey, hey, hey
You can't expect sex
Hey, hey, hey

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Statement

For my contrafact, I decided to write lyrics about consent to the tune of the 2013 Robin Thicke song "Blurred Lines." The popular song met lots of controversy due to it's lyrics which promoted rape culture, such as "But you're an animal / Baby, it's in your nature" and the repeated "I know you want it." Despite this, it was a hit song and was nominated for two Grammy Awards, a sign of society accepting the objectification and degradation of women. By rewriting the lyrics to promote the exact opposite message, I aim to harness the catchy beat into a song which is both educational and enjoyable to listen to.