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Bad English!

As a teacher, I cringe when I see covers such as this. Whether it's slang, regional dialects, cultural dialects, or just plain mistakes...it's all bad English!

I have the same problem with music lyrics. "I don't got no girl" or "He ain't heavy; he's my brother"...Bad English! Why doesn't the music writer just say "I haven't got a girl" or "He isn't heavy; he's my brother"..??

Of course, sometimes it's a matter of 'being cute', stressing a point, or connecting with the audience, but it all just promulgates the disintegration of the language.

Yes, I know languages are always changing. Old words are continually dropping out of use, and new words are continually being added (although I wince when I see the slang that is included each year). And, we don't speak Shakespearean English any longer, for example, but I crave continuity!

And, while I'm at it, let me fume temporarily at the changing of various punctuation rules. What's the point of 906.567.4599 when 906-567-4599 has worked just fine, for example? I think it's all part of political correctness. AD and BC to CE and BCE...and it just goes on.

(Ah! I feel better!)

