**The Debate Over “Baby It’s Cold Outside” Is Anything But Cold**

**The Christmas classic originally written by Frank Loesser in 1944 has been a holiday staple for most people. Especially the Dean Martin cover, that is on almost every holiday playlist. However, when a radio station banned the song it sparked a controversy that has brought the song new popularity.**

**Who Lead the Charge Against This Holiday Classic?**

**It all started with the** Cleveland, Ohio radio station WDOK, who **banned the song from their playlist, stating the reason being customer complaints about its lyrics; other radio stations joined in, sparking a social media controversy.**

**It’s Not The Holidays Without a Heated Debate**

**One side argues that it promotes a rape culture. While other state the lyrics “What’s in this drink?” Simply means, “How strong is this drink?” And, was often said in a jovial manner, when the song was first written. Even celebrities got involved with William Shatner and Dean Martins daughter Deana Martin arguing against the censorship of the song, as well as a myriad of other public figures putting in their opinions of the ban.**

**The Feud Over the Song Naturally Caused a Public Interest**

Sales and streaming of several versions of the Christmas song saw an increase in recent days and the song has been steadily climbing in the holiday billboard charts. **Radio stations began getting complaints about not hearing the song, leading many of the radio stations that had dropped the song from their playlists to add it back. Some stations even held a vote to decide if they should resume playing it.**

**One thing I thing I was happy to see come out of all this, was that with all the attention being put on a charming and fun song with some questionable lyrics, there has been a lot fewer posts about people taking “Christ out of Christmas”. But that is an argument for another day.**