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Dear Daniel,

Thank you for the invitation to join Spotify, but unfortunately, on this occasion I'm going to have to decline.

For as much as Spotify may seem tempting, I cannot accept in good faith as long as the invitation requires me to install a proprietary program on my system, which implements your digital restrictions (DRM).

Because Spotify has DRM, I cannot listen to music in my own music player, and I cannot save a song and listen to it elsewhere. Even US copyright law says I can do these things, but your software still tries to handcuff me.

When I first heard of Spotify, I was happy to learn that you stream your music using the patent-free Ogg Vorbis audio codec. I have long hoped for a DRM-free service that would support this format, and I hoped Spotify would let me listen to and buy music in this way.

I'm surprised at your choice, since DRM on music has been dead for some time now. Maybe you've invited one-too-many lawyers to the party, and they've convinced you otherwise.

This just isn't the kind of party I want to come to.

If you can stop listening to that lawyer "friend" telling you about how great DRM is, you'll have a much better party – with much better music.

I promise I'll come then, and bring friends. I wouldn't even mind helping you out with the cost! I hope you'll reconsider.

With regrets,

Jonathan Tuttle
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PS. I asked my friends to send you their own regrets, but like I said, we'd love to come if you change your mind.