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"Sam Smith Tweets Feud with Kitty Brucknell While Using a Stephen Hawking-Style App to Speak After Vocal Cord Surgery" May 25, 2015

Sam Smith has been making headlines once again, but for some fairly unusual reasons.

If Sam Smith from even just one year ago could have seen into the future and read the headline on this article, he would have been just as confused as the rest of us.

We already reported last week that Sam Smith had gone under the knife to fix his damaged vocal cords, and that his surgery had been a success, save for the fact that he is not permitted to sing for two months. In our previous article, the *Inquistir* also reported that, according to otalaryngologist Dr. Michelle Yagoda and the *New York Daily News*, Sam Smith's voice may be a little different once he has fully recovered from the trauma and his surgery.

The latest news is that in an effort to reduce the strain on his voice, Sam Smith has resorted to using technology to speak for him. As *Sky News* reported, Sam Smith is using a voice app similar to the one used by brilliant world renowned scientist Stephen Hawking.

Jimmy Napes, Sam Smith's music producer and friend, revealed that there was something unusual about the vocal app that Sam Smith has chosen to use.

"He's doing well, he's resting up. He's got an app that speaks for him and it's like Stephen Hawking, where you type something in... except it's in a girls' voice, which is hilarious."

Sam Smith's specialist, Dr. Steven Zeitels, warned that the superstar must not use his voice in order to allow his throat to heal properly, and Sam Smith has proven that he is taking his doctor's orders seriously. When accepting an award at last Sunday's 2015 Billboard Music Awards, Sam Smith still did not break his vow of silence, choosing instead to display his acceptance speech on cue cards.

Sam Smith may not be saying much out loud, but his actions have been speaking volumes online. He recently Instagrammed a video of former *X Factor* contestant Kitty Brucknell's 2011 *X Factor* audition and added some laughing faces, clearly mocking the former contestant for her (admittedly quite ridiculous) performance.

It wasn't long before Kitty Brucknell found out what had happened, and the Twitter feud ensued.

When he realised how much his post had upset Kitty Brucknell, Sam Smith was quick to apologise and to remove the offending Instagram post.

In case you didn't catch Kitty Brucknell's *X Factor* audition, check it out below. The action starts at about 3:28 when, after a reasonably impressive performance, she annoyed everyone (including the judges) when she sat on the edge of the stage and gabbed non-stop.