

# HOW TO WRITE YOUR OWN SONG

Songs are a great way to create individual expression! To write a basic song, you only need 2-3 parts!

Each section can relate to the other sections or can be completely different. It's really up to you!

Each line can rhyme or you can write in what's called "free-verse," where you create lyrics that don't rhyme at all.

- **Verses** – This part of the song tells a specific story. This is where you can elaborate and describe scenery, feelings/emotions, or even write about your day! Usually there are 2-3 verses in a song, and each of them tell different parts of the story.
- **Chorus** – This part of the song gives the big idea of the story, typically is the same throughout the whole song, and is repeated multiple times. Let's say you write a song about the way you feel that day, the chorus could repeat something like "Today I feel happy, today I feel happy..."
- **Bridge** – This part of the song is a little different than the rest of the parts. Usually in a song, the chorus is repeated more than once at the end. The bridge "connects" these two final choruses by created something different between them.

\*\*\*If you are feeling extra creative, try adding an Intro and/or an Outro to your song.\*\*\*

- The **Intro** comes before the first verse, prepping the listener for the song.
- The **Outro** comes after the final Chorus, giving the listener a feeling of conclusion.

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How to construct your song:

Below is an example of how the song structure for a typical popular music song is constructed. However, it is entirely up to you how you want your song to look and sound!

***Introduction (Optional) - Write something that will grab your listener's attention.***

**Verse 1 - Begin telling your story. Use descriptive words! (Adjectives, adverbs, active verbs, etc!)**

**Chorus - Give a repeated chorus that sums up what your whole song is about!**

**Verse 2 - Continue telling the story you started in verse 1! Remember these can be similar, but you want the story to move somehow!**

**Chorus - repeat the chorus from before!**

**Bridge - Write something a little different. Maybe change up your story a little... Is there something bigger that happened in your story that's a surprise? Now's the time to write it! You can use descriptive words here as well!**

**Chorus - repeat the chorus from before!**

***Outro (Optional) - Write something that signals to your listener that it is the end of the song.***

## OVERVIEW

*Intro* → Verse 1 → Chorus → Verse 2 → Chorus → Bridge → Chorus → *Outro*