

## **TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SONGWRITING**

1. Create a melodic contrast between sections. Create a firm structure.
2. Try to make the lyric point to the title or lyrical hook. Build a foundation around the hook.
3. Be sincere – listeners can tell whether you mean it or not.
4. Avoid vagueness and cliché with lyrics. Explore images that are personal and specific and add “[delicious details](#)” to draw the listener into the poetry of the song.
5. Honor your melodic idea. Make it tight, catchy, and easy to remember/sing along to.