

Checking your work

Isolate the melody

Stop being in love with your lyric for a moment...

Focus on the melody

Play the melody on an instrument...is it exciting/
interesting or dull?

Try substituting some notes to see if it adds to the
value of the song

Try substituting different chords to see if it adds to the
value of the song

Play the melody to others.

Do they like it?

Can they sing it back to you?

Isolate the lyric

Stop listening to, singing or performing the music

Read through your lyric sheet as if you have never read
it before

Find the areas that don't make real sense

Become aware of lyrics that you understand but
others may not

Have you chased the rhyme anywhere?

Play the song to others and ask them if they
understand it

Do you need to explain it to anyone...if so, you might
need to edit

Balance

For singers with a limited vocal range write more
'interesting' lyrics

If great singers are using all their vocal toys, keep the
lyric simple

If you have a busy verse lyric, keep the chorus simple

If you have a lot to say lyrically, use a static melody

Does your song feel balanced?

Emotion

Does the song move YOU?

Does the song move other people?

Do you take the listeners to an emotional high in the
chorus?

Can you think of ANY way you can make it impact
people even more?

Are you proud of your music baby?