

7 Step Song Planner

Starting with the music

a. Imagine

Imagine what would be happening if the music were playing in a movie or video

b. Decide

What do you feel the lyrical theme should be?

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1. Outline

Write a paragraph or two of prose outlining what the song is about to keep you on track during the writing

2. Brainstorm

Brainstorm all associated ideas and phrases

4. Plan

Plan the layout of your song like a movie storyboard, with one sentence descriptions

3. Research

Research ideas and thoughts e.g Google quits

5. Understand

Understand *why* your song exists and *how* it is going to move the listener. What is the point?

6. Prosody

Use prosody to determine the *feel* of the song

7. Write

Write the melody and the words at the same time to create a natural flow