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Lyric Writing Fundamentals - The Nuts & Bolts

Verse Lyric Tips

1. Remember that verses are designed to tell your song's story
2. Use details and imagery in your verses
3. Make sure your opening line grabs your listener's attention
4. Be certain that every line of your verse is new information

Chorus Lyric Tips

1. Remember that choruses are designed to summarize your song's main message
2. The chorus is the place for your song's lyrical hook
3. An effective place for your hook is the last line of the chorus

Additional Lyric Writing Tips

1. A bridge is designed to look at your song's message from a different angle
2. Make sure your song's rhyme scheme is the same in similar sections
3. Don't underestimate the power of a good nonsense word
4. Consider switching your first and second verses around
5. Think about using the first line of your song as the last line, too

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