

S O N G W R I T I N G

E X E R C I S E :

keeping it
Conversational

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It's easy to fall into the trap of writing overly-complex, flowery, cluttered lyrics.

Keeping your lyric simple and conversational is a super effective way of communicating with your listeners. It's a faithful tool to keep in your toolbox!

But how can you make sure your lyric actually is conversational and communicating exactly what you want it to say?

Ask yourself this:

"What exactly am I trying to say, here?"

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When I feel like my lyrics are getting too flowery, here's how I talk myself through what needs to be written:

- 1. Write the lyric**
- 2. Sit back in you chair and read it.**
- 3. Sing through it.**
- 4. Ask yourself out loud, "What exactly am I trying to say here?"**
- 5. Tell yourself out loud what you're trying to say, here.**
- 6. Write down what you just told yourself.**

That's right, I literally talk to myself. Yup. #noshame
But it helps SO MUCH. Have a conversation with yourself!

Sometimes, in talking out what you're trying to say as if you're having an actual conversation, you're more able to sort out what needs to be said.

I've been in cowrites where a cowriter has asked me, "Ok, so what are we really trying to say here?" I'll explain to them what I think the line needs to say. And my cowriter will be like, "Well let's say it like that then!" Bam. Duh. Could've had a V8.

If you're stuck or concerned about overly-cluttered lyrics, sit back and ask yourself, "What exactly am I trying to say, here?" Then answer yourself!

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