

## BECOMING A *better* SONGWRITER

Becoming a great songwriter isn't something that you can achieve overnight. It takes lots of hard work and practice. Here are some tips to help you perfect your songwriting skills.

### **TIP # 1: LISTEN!**

Pull up the songs you love the most and dive into what makes them move you. Take notes & keep track of the melodies, lyrics & the mood the songs create.

### **TIP # 2: PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE.**

One technique I like to recommend is polishing up your rhyming skills. Make a list of 10 words. Under each word write as many rhymes you can think of. The goal is to be able to move on to phrases & sentences.

### **TIP # 3: LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT.**

Having the ability to pick up an instrument will accelerate your songwriting skills. Try learning on an acoustic guitar or a piano. These instruments help you figure out the chords needed to support your melody and lyrics.

### **TIP # 4: START BUILDING YOUR CATALOG.**

Make sure you have many different styles, ballads, up-tempo's, mid-tempo's and even some different genres in your songwriting catalog. You may only get one shot to pitch a song, so you want to make sure you have plenty to pull from.

**BONUS TIP:** Document your songs by recording them into your phone or your laptop. Eventually you'll know which ones need to be demoed in full. Those will be your special ones!

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