

FINDING THE *Perfect* SONG

Not a songwriter? Have no fear. Here are some tips to help you locate a song or a songwriter whose latest masterpiece just might get you the hit you need to skyrocket your career.

1: Go to writers rounds. Venues like The Listening Room in Nashville and so many others host these events daily. You can just walk in and sit right down for hours listening to brand new songs from both new and hit songwriters.

2: Network with writers. Introduce yourself every chance you get. Make your writing network aware that you are in need of some excellent material. Give them a little background on yourself and let them know that you'd love to hear more of their music.

3: Connect with publishers. If you've been working the scene in Nashville for a while then you probably have some connections at publishing houses. This is a great place to find music. Take a meeting with the people you know and let them know you are looking for songs.

4: Get in touch with a PRO. Organizations like BMI, ASCAP, SESAC and SOCAN are filled to the brim with amazing songs. Connect with a representative there and see if they can connect you to some writers whose songs might be the perfect fit for you.

5: Give writing a shot. Write down ideas, melodies or chord changes. Try piecing it all together, just like a story and see where it takes you.

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