



**EPISODE 7: KAREN STALEY** 

GOT () riter's BLOCK?

If you are experiencing writer's block, don't panic! Here are some tricks designed to get your creative juices flowing again.

**1: Flip through the television.** You'd be surprised how many storylines can inspire a little verse or hook. Take a scenario that is being played out on a TV show or in a movie and pull an idea from that.

**2: Draw inspiration from someone around you.** Everybody has a story. If you're not going through anything emotionally right now that might inspire a song, think about the people around you. Could their experience inspire your next song?

**3: Pick up a magazine or newspaper.** There will almost always be a story that brings a little inspiration your way. Pay close attention to headlines because they are great examples of how to be provocative and memorable.

**4: Think back on your own experiences.** The best kinds of songs are those we write from the heart.

**\*Bonus Tip:** When inspiration is coming at you in all directions, make sure to document every single thought, hook and melody. The next time writers block hits, you'll be able to draw from a treasure chest of great ideas.

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