

Song Editing Checklist

We want to write songs that people:

- Should sing - head
- Want to sing - heart
- Can sing - hands

Lyrics:

1. Is it clear what you're trying to say over all and in each section of the song?
2. Is there a progression to the lyrics?
3. Are you using passive voice unintentionally?
4. Is this how you'd speak in normal conversation?
5. Is the rhyme scheme consistent?
6. Are you using Yoda speak?
7. Are the words too dense/thin?
8. Do pronouns have an antecedent?
9. Is this faithful to God's Word?

Music:

1. Is the melodic and song structure easy to follow?
2. Is the prosody right?
3. Are melodic and/or rhythmic motifs repeated?
4. Is the range too wide?
5. Are the chords fresh?

Music and lyrics:

1. Is the metrical pattern consistent from verse to verse?
2. Are there creative elements/moments?
3. Does the song affect you?