

Getting Started –

A Song-Writing Process

1. – Create – (allow yourself freedom and write a lot. Ignore the voice that says “That’s not good”)
2. – revise – (be critical. Ask yourself “Does this sound original?” “Does this work?” “Does this move the song forward?”)

----- Release ----- (The song is ready to play.)

3. – rehearse – (can you play the song? Can you sing all the words and the melody? Does the band like it?)
4. –perform – (Does the crowd respond how you want them to? Does the song fit your style?)

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- I. **Find a place and time to write** – Create a schedule and stick to it. Show up every day to write some, no matter how little or how much you decide to write.
 - II. **Do something different for each phase** – For every different phase of the writing process find a way to physically change your role in that step.
 - III. **Confront your weakness** – What do you think is easier to write, lyrics or music? Spend time cultivating the one that you find more difficult.

Where did you decide to write?

When do you write?

How do you change between phases?

What is your weakness?