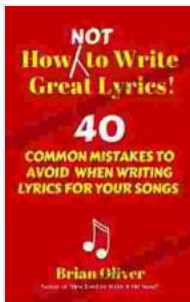


How Not to Write Great Lyrics: 40 Common Mistakes to Avoid

Writing great lyrics is hard. But it's even harder if you're making common mistakes.



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Here are 40 things to avoid when writing lyrics:

1. **Don't be too literal.** Lyrics should be evocative and suggestive, not like a grocery list.
2. **Don't use clichés.** They're boring and overused.
3. **Don't be afraid to be specific.** Details will make your lyrics more interesting and memorable.
4. **Don't try to rhyme everything.** A forced rhyme can ruin a good lyric.

5. **Don't be too wordy.** Keep your lyrics concise and to the point.
6. **Don't make your lyrics too difficult to understand.** People should be able to get the gist of your song without having to read it twice.
7. **Don't write about things you don't know about.** If you're not familiar with a subject, your lyrics will sound fake and forced.
8. **Don't be afraid to experiment.** There's no one right way to write lyrics.
9. **Don't give up.** Writing great lyrics takes time and practice.

10. **Don't write lyrics that are too personal.** People may not relate to your experiences.
11. **Don't write lyrics that are too vague.** People need to be able to understand what you're talking about.
12. **Don't write lyrics that are too preachy.** People don't want to be lectured.
13. **Don't write lyrics that are too negative.** People want to be uplifted by music.
14. **Don't write lyrics that are too simplistic.** People want to be challenged by music.

15. **Don't use too many metaphors.** Metaphors can be confusing and distracting.

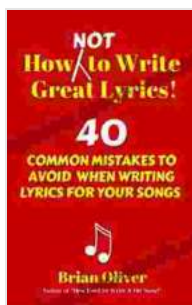
16. **Don't use too many similes.** Similes can be overused and boring.
17. **Don't use too many clichés.** Clichés are unoriginal and lazy.
18. **Don't use too much slang.** Slang can date your lyrics quickly.
19. **Don't use too many technical terms.** Technical terms can exclude people who don't know what you're talking about.

20. **Don't rhyme words that don't sound good together.** Rhyming "love" with "truck" is not a good idea.
21. **Don't use forced rhymes.** Forced rhymes can sound awkward and unnatural.
22. **Don't use too many rhymes.** Too many rhymes can make your lyrics sound sing-songy and childish.
23. **Don't use rhyme schemes that are too predictable.** Predictable rhyme schemes can be boring.
24. **Don't use rhyme schemes that are too complex.** Complex rhyme schemes can be difficult to understand and follow.

25. **Don't write lyrics that are too long.** Long lyrics can be difficult to sing and remember.
26. **Don't write lyrics that are too short.** Short lyrics can be unsatisfying and incomplete.

27. **Don't write lyrics that are too repetitive.** Repetitive lyrics can be boring and monotonous.
28. **Don't write lyrics that are too predictable.** Predictable lyrics can be boring and unexciting.
29. **Don't write lyrics that are too formulaic.** Formulaic lyrics can be unoriginal and boring.

By avoiding these common mistakes, you can write lyrics that are more likely to be successful.



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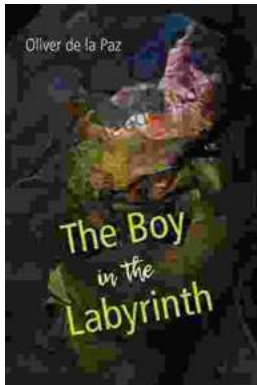
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