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The Song Title Writing Guide, 2026

This guide is for songwriters, independent musicians and producers. It shows five proven song title formats, how titles change by genre, a checklist for a strong title and a page to brainstorm your own.

Five song title formats

Format	What it does	Examples
One-word	Captures the song's essence in a single word	Unbroken, Wildfire
Verb + emotion	Adds movement and feeling	Chasing Shadows, Breaking Free
Metaphorical	Gives the song a deeper image	Paper Hearts, Glass Houses
Lyric quote	Uses the hook line as the title	Never Look Back, Stay With Me
Mashup	Joins two words into one new word	Heartbreakdown, Lovesickblue

Title styles by genre

- **Pop:** Catchy and memorable, often one word.
- **Rock:** Powerful and action-oriented.
- **Hip-Hop:** Bold and confident, often metaphorical.
- **Country:** Storytelling and relatable, often literal.
- **R&B:** Emotional and smooth, about relationships.

A strong song title

☐ It is easy to say and easy to remember.

☐ It matches the song's main feeling.

☐ It appears in the chorus or the hook, if it can.

☐ It suits the genre and the audience.

☐ A quick search shows it is not already a famous song.

Brainstorm your title

The song's main feeling	
The hook line	
Three strong words	
Genre and tone	

Try one title in each format

Format	Your title	Score (1-5)
One-word		
Verb + emotion		
Metaphorical		
Lyric quote		
Mashup		

Pick your winner

Say each title out loud. Wait a minute, then write down the one you still remember. That is usually the strongest title.

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