



Building Bridges in Songs

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What is a bridge?

In songwriting, a bridge is a section of a song that happens one time, usually toward the end of the song. Bridges let the listener know the song is nearing the end. They can also change the context of the song at the last minute by introducing a new idea just before the last chorus.

VERSE - CHORUS - VERSE - CHORUS - BRIDGE - CHORUS FORMULA

Verse 1

Each verse should have a similar number of lines and the same rhyme scheme.

Chorus

The chorus will be repeated later, but we will only write it down this one time.



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Verse 2

Each verse should have a similar number of lines and the same rhyme scheme.

Repeat the chorus again here, exactly as before.

Bridge

The bridge should sound different from the verses and chorus. Experiment with different numbers of lines, change the chords, and/or change the rhyme scheme to make this section feel different.

Repeat the chorus again here, exactly as before, but do it twice.

This formula will result in songs that have clear structure, but enough complexity to allow for some amazing storytelling. Experiment with using the bridge to change the meaning of the song or add depth.