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Lyricist v Songwriter 1-4

Which one are you? Imagine these two scenarios:

1. You've got notebooks full of song lyrics. You don't play an instrument, but you know the words you've written are not just heartfelt and powerful, they're also destined to be a hit song. You can totally hear Anika Moa or Nicki Minage singing your lyrics ...if only you could just find a way to get your art out-there.
2. You're constantly singing to yourself or strumming a guitar when you get the opportunity too. You've always been able to come up with chords and lyrics on the spot, which you then write into songs for you &/or others to sing.

Question: Does either of these situations sound familiar to you?

If you think of yourself as a Songwriter when you're really a Lyricist, then you run the risk of not only sounding unprofessional and unknowledgeable, you're also gonna potentially miss out on valuable opportunities by incorrectly pitching yourself.

So - am I a Songwriter or a Lyricist?

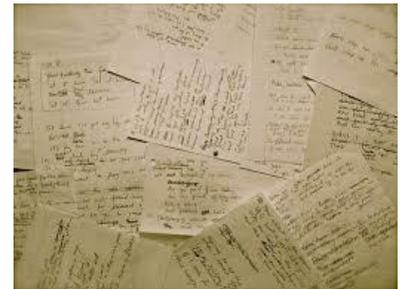
Well... there's one key difference. Refer back to the two imaginary scenarios at the beginning of the article again.

Are you more like Person **#1**, who writes lyrics in his or her notebook but doesn't write the accompanying music? If your answer is YES - then you're a Lyricist.

Or... are you're more like Person **#2** who writes lyrics & the main melody of the song...

then you're a Songwriter. (But hey - you don't have to arrange every single musical element in the song to be a Songwriter. For example, you don't have to write the violin intro or the bass guitar parts. You just have to provide the general melodic structure of the song as well as the lyrics.)

**It's actually a simple distinction once you know what each job title really means -
But you need to know what it is that YOU DO so you can:
Build your skills & correctly pitch yourself**



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