

# Basics of Song Writing

A song is composed of several items.

A **stanza** is similar to a paragraph in a book. A stanza is a section of grouped lines. Usually a song will have more than one verse and it will have a chorus.

A **verse** is a stanza, or two lines that give the details of the song.

The **chorus** is a section of lines that are usually the part you remember best. It often repeats after the verses. It is the catchiest part of the song. It is sometimes called a "hook".

A **hook** is a phrase of words or music that catches the listener's ear and if the listener remembers anything of the song, it's usually that part. The hook is often the title of the song and is similar to a slogan for a company.