



## How I Write A Song (Instructional Video)

*The Making of "Let All The Earth"*

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### SONGWRITING TIPS

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**Songwriting Tip #1:** You have to START!

**Songwriting Tip #2:** Write from Scripture. Writing lyrics can be a challenge and God's word is always a great place to start.

**Songwriting Tip #3:** Try to make your music express what the text is saying.

**Songwriting Tip #4:** Using different rhythms and/or tempos can make your songs sound different.

**Songwriting Tip #5:** When writing from scripture it doesn't have to be word for word.

**Songwriting Tip #6:** Keep the creative process rolling by putting down an idea that might need to be changed later.

**Songwriting Tip #7:** Congregational, worship songs need to have lyrical phrases that are easy to sing.

**Songwriting Tip #8:** When you get stuck, sing the song again from the top.

**Songwriting Tip #9:** Do the hard work of finding unique and less predictable ways to say familiar truths.

**Songwriting Tip #10:** Chorus melodies should usually be set in a higher melodic range and your lyrical phrases should be longer, with the words being more drawn out.



**Songwriting Tip #11:** Don't ever assume you will remember an idea. Songwriters should have a way of recording or writing down their ideas at all times.

**Songwriting Tip #12:** Writing songs from scripture brings the weight and authority of God's truth to your songs and can also make them more timeless.

**Songwriting Tip #13:** A great bridge takes a musical departure from what you've been doing. This helps keep the song from bogging down and becoming less interesting.

**Songwriting Tip #14:** Don't give up if your song sounds like another song. Just change the section that is sounding the same.

**Songwriting Tip #15:** Personal responses of worship, praise and thanks to God, compared to just being factual helps engage the listener/worshiper.

**Songwriting Tip #16:** It's good to try and finish a song in one sitting but then get away from it and make changes if needed. Always sing your songs to someone you trust and get input before declaring that you are finished.

**Songwriting Tip #17:** Worship songs that are repeatable are always the best.

**Songwriting Tip #18:** The pace of a song is super important! Make sure the listener/worshiper doesn't feel like a section of the song was over too quickly or was dragging on too long.

**Songwriting Tip #19:** Be tenacious and FINISH your songs!