

Worship Songwriting Handout

Songs: Music & Lyrics

Types of Worship Songs

Private / Congregational

Praise / Worship

Spontaneous/ Arranged

Hymns

Sequential vs Nonsequential

Ex of Themes

Prayer

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Reception

Liturgy

Types of Influences

Trans-culturaton - Outside influences

Retention - From our surroundings

Innovation - Technology

Congregational music is private worship or praise that's been arranged to lead a gathering of people from different backgrounds into the presence of God.

Congregational music

- Simplicity
- Interesting

Songwriting Rules

- Content > rhyme
- Don't create distractions
- Include others into your process that you trust
- Avoid cliches, and use your own words; would you say this in real life?
- If you can be misunderstood you will be

- Clarity > Symbolism

Practical Advice

Single Line thesis statement - Chorus
100 songs of 100 words- God of more - poverty mindset
When the Holy Spirit first came to the Apostles
Stick to your meter
Practice writing, build the muscle

Nashville Number System

I ii iii IV V vi vii dim

Arrangement Pieces

Verses

Pre-Chorus

Choruses

Bridge

Impossible Things

[Verse 1]

You heal the broken hearted
You set the captive free
You lift the heavy burden
And even now, You are lifting me

[Chorus]

There is no healer
Like the Lord our maker
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh-ohhh
Our God is with us, we will fear no evil
'Cause You do, Impossible things
'Cause You do, Impossible things

[Verse 2]

Though I walk through the valley
Darkness surrounding me
There You prepare a table, hmm-hmm
In the presence of my enemies, yeah-eh

[Chorus]

There is no healer
Like the Lord our maker
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh-ohhh
Our God is with us, we will fear no evil
'Cause You do, Impossible things
Yeah, You do, the Impossible Impossible

[Bridge]

One Word, and the walls start falling
One Word, and the blind will see
One Word, and the sinner's forgiven
'Cause You do Impossible (*Impossible things*)
And one Word, and the walls start falling (*oh start falling*)
One Word, and the blind will see (*and the blind will see*)
One Word, and the sinner's forgiven (*oh sinner's forgiven*)
'Cause You do (*wooh*) Impossible things (*oh Impossible things*)

[Verse 3]

You do more than I could ask
Or even imagine (*walls are falling*)
You are, more than I could ask
You're more than enough (*You do, You do Impossible*)
Impossible
Hmmm-yeah-ehh-eh-ehhhh