

Minnesota Association of Songwriters Evaluation Form

Song Title: _____ Writer(s): _____

Reviewer: _____ Date: _____

TITLE

- Interesting
- Memorable
- Is also the hook
- Unique
- Used previously
- Doesn't appear in song
- Doesn't repeat enough in song
- Repeats too much in song
- Not the object of the song

LYRICS

- First line makes me want to hear more
- Conversational
- Chorus stands on its own
- Rhymes well
- Innovative rhymes
- Rhyme scheme varies
- Interesting or innovative hook
- Hook is placed in a strong position
- Unique subject or approach
- Engaging, or develops a story
- Good use of imagery
- Combines internal and external objects
- Communicates emotion to listener
- Cohesive, hangs together well
- Uses alliteration or assonance
- Words fit meter and melody well
- Has a payoff or resolves issue
- Lacks focus
- Too abstract or too hard to understand
- Awkward phrasing
- Too many clichés
- Mainly common, one-syllable rhymes
- Too predictable

MELODY

- Good melody in verse
- Good melody in chorus
- Memorable motif
- Uses repetition and variation
- Interesting chords or progression
- Singable
- Builds and releases tension
- Verse/Chorus sound too similar
- Too long between variations
- Melody wanders
- Too repetitive

STRUCTURE

- Conventional, well-structured
- Unconventional, works well
- Good contrast between sections
- Interesting key or tempo changes
- Unusual or hard to identify structure
- Entire song longer than comfortable
- Little contrast between sections
- Intro too long or too repetitive
- Could use a bridge

RATING

(10=best) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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| Lyrics | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Melody | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Overall | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Ready to present to a publisher?

Comments: _____
