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The Lyric Rewriting Guide for 2026

Rewriting is how a first draft becomes a song. This guide covers the seven rewrite goals, rhyme scheme patterns, a flow check you can sing, genre word choices and a page to plan your rewrite.

The seven rewrite goals

Goal	What it changes	Use it when
Improve Flow	Syllables, stresses and line length	A line is hard to sing
Change Mood	The emotional tone	The feeling is wrong for the track
Simplify Language	Long words and abstractions	The hook feels heavy
Make More Poetic	Plain lines into images	A verse feels flat
Modernize	Dated words and references	It sounds old-fashioned
Change Genre Style	Vocabulary, rhythm and attitude	The song moves to a new genre
Fix Rhyme Scheme	End rhymes	Rhymes feel forced or missing

Rhyme scheme patterns

1. **AABB.** Lines 1 and 2 rhyme, then lines 3 and 4. Simple and catchy for choruses.
2. **ABAB.** Lines 1 and 3 rhyme, lines 2 and 4 rhyme. Common in verses.
3. **ABCB.** Only lines 2 and 4 rhyme. Natural and less sing-song.
4. **Slant rhyme.** Close sounds such as home and alone. Sounds modern and less forced.

A flow check you can sing

1. **Sing it over the beat.** Mark every place you run out of breath.
2. **Count the syllables.** Lines in the same spot of each verse should be close in length.
3. **Put stress on strong words.** The beat should land on the words that matter.
4. **Cut filler words.** Remove a word that only fills a gap.

Genre word choices

Pop: short, direct lines and a repeated hook. **Country**: concrete places, people and stories. **R&B**: smooth vowels and feeling. **Hip-hop**: internal rhymes and rhythm. **Rock**: bold, physical images. **Indie**: personal, unusual details. Rewrite only lyrics you wrote yourself.

Plan your rewrite

Fill this in, then rewrite your lyrics on the AI Lyric Rewriter.

The section you will rewrite, and what feels wrong

The goal, the genre and what you will keep

The lines you love and will keep as they are

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