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The Metal Lyrics Writing Guide for 2026

A short guide to writing metal lyrics: the nine subgenres and their themes, the song sections, how to fit lines to a riff, a check list and a page to plan your song. Use it with AIFreeForever's free Metal Song Lyrics Generator.

Nine subgenres and their themes

Subgenre	Themes	Lines
Heavy Metal	Myth, rebellion, the riff	Anthemic, declarative
Thrash Metal	Corruption, war, rage	Short and fast
Death Metal	Horror, decay, nihilism	Dense and extreme
Black Metal	Winter, the void, chaos	Atmospheric, archaic
Power Metal	Swords, destiny, glory	Long and soaring
Metalcore	Struggle and resolve	Melodic chorus, shouted breakdown
Doom Metal	Grief, mortality	Slow, few words
Progressive Metal	Identity, time, story	Layered, narrative
Nu-Metal	Anger, alienation	Modern and direct

Song sections

1. **Verse.** Tells the story: 6 to 8 lines of concrete images.
2. **Chorus.** Holds the title line: 4 to 6 lines a crowd can shout.
3. **Bridge.** Turns the story: a new image or a new angle.
4. **Breakdown.** The climax over one riff: 2 to 6 short declarations.

Fit the words to the riff

1. **Count the beats.** Say each line over the riff and cut any word that will not fit.
2. **Use hard sounds.** Short, hard consonants hit harder in fast parts.
3. **Leave room.** Long vowels carry held notes in power and doom metal.

Plan my song

Write your theme and pick your settings, then type the theme into the generator.

Theme

Subgenre and mood

Song section

My own image or line to include

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