

**About:** The guide below can be used for students to take action and share a message, create topic related songs, write using rhymes, and more.

Introduce and model the format with students with the Songwriting printable.

**Teacher Tip:** Create a song that is about your classroom as a way to model the format. Students can sing and share about their classroom after!

**For K-2 students:** Model using a chart. Students will be able to write their own songs, but may not need the Songwriting printable.

**Teacher Tip:** Karaoke versions of popular songs can be found on YouTube. Create a list of songs with karaoke versions available for students to write songs with. Students will be able to sing and share with these songs.

# Songwriting (Example)

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**Examples:**

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- Protecting my brain

## Step 2 Choose a Song for the Melody

**What song will I use? Try more than one.**

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

**How to:**

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## Step 3 Lyrics: Start With the Chorus

**What words will I use?**

beach-reach nest-best sea-free

happy

- Think about your topic.
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- The chorus gets repeated in a song.

## Step 4 Lyrics: Now Write the Verses

**How will I finish sharing my message in song?**

baby turtles in the ocean

happy turtles swimming

- Think about your message.
- What phrases or groups of words will create verses with your message?
- Songs can have 2-3 different verses.

Turtle, turtle reach the beach!  
"We will protect it.", this we preach.

Baby turtle reach the sea!  
Swim the waters, feel happy!

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Baby turtle grow and grow!  
Back to the beach, you will go.

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