

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WRITING BLUES LYRICS

1. Create a minimum of five stanzas which should have three lines each – aab. The first lines should be virtually the same. The last line should resolve the situation set up in the first lines and should end with an **exact** rhyme.

Example:

I'm going to leave baby, ain't going to say goodbye.
I'm going to leave baby, ain't going to say goodbye.
But I'll write you and tell you the reason why.

2. Skip a line between stanzas. In other words, after every three lines.
3. Be sure and use appropriate punctuation.
4. Give your blues a title
5. Be imaginative and creative in your subject matter. Try to tell a story.
6. Indicate the source of your blues by writing the term “context” and telling whether your lyrics are fictional or not.
7. Read aloud or sing your blues to be sure they fit a consistent rhythm.