

RnB Songwriting: Feel Good Lyrics

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Welcome to another lyric writing class! Today we are going to take a look at 2 examples of 'feel good' songs.

Sit up straight or stand up with feet shoulder width apart. Now take a deep breath in and lets have a go at singing the verse of 'I feel good' – James Brown

Verse:

Wo!
I feel good
I knew that I would now
I feel good
I knew that I would, now
So good
So good
I got you.

Now lets have a go at singing 'Feeling good' Nina Simone

Verse:

Birds flyin' high
you know how I feel
Sun in the sky
you know how I feel
Breeze driftin' on by
you know how I feel
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me...
And I'm feelin' good

What do these 2 famous songs have in common apart from using the words 'Feel' and 'Good'

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Repetition, repetition, repetition

James brown repeats 'I feel good, you knew that I would now' twice.
He repeats 'So Good' twice.

Nina repeats the line 'you know how I feel' after every line she sings.
This creates a clever hook before we even reach the chorus.

As an exercise, I would like you to begin by jotting down some adjectives, phrases, metaphors or similes that describe feelings of wellbeing and happiness.

Here are some examples:

Joyful

Hopeful

Peaceful

I have love

Radiant

Blessed

Jubilant

Once your page is full of words or phrases, separate one or 2 of the best phrases to create lyrics.

Now using the rule of repetition, lets think about repeating your best line a couple of times in the first verse to create a verse **'hook'**.

Once you are happy with your verse, continue into a chorus line that works with the verse. If you are stuck, refer back to one of the 'feel good' song examples to guide you through the lyric placement.

Good luck and happy songwriting!