

Songwriter Resources

Each of us has been given giftings and talents from God that we can use to glorify Him and share His love for humanity. Maturing in these gifts requires proactive stewardship. In our playing of instruments or singing we see this through the hours of practice required to progress, as well as input from those who have more experience. Songwriting is no different – we need high quality input in order to produce the best possible outputs. Our primary input and inspiration is the person of Jesus Christ and His Word, whether we be writing melodies or lyrics, He is our goal and He is our source. Yet we also have a creative God who works His creativity out through human beings and we can find wisdom and valuable inputs from multiple sources.

The aim of this list is to provide some pointers in how we can hone the art of songwriting, simultaneously growing in our love for God and our musical abilities. Most of these resources are beyond the Vineyard 'stream' of churches so whilst we won't necessarily agree with everything that's said, there's wisdom and knowledge that can be gained throughout the expressions of God's church across the world.

Webpages/videos

Vineyard worship values the should permeate our writing. New series of video from Vineyard UK

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=vineyard+worship+values

Trinity Worship have some great advice [here](#)

Hillsong songwriter [tips](#)

Turning spontaneous songs [into written songs](#) (with the Hellebronths)

Jeremy Riddle – [Writing lyrics video](#)

It's long but some great tips from [Brenton Brown](#) (Vineyard USA)

Other [Vineyard Worship UK resources](#)

Podcasts

I've provided links where I can find them but you should be able to find these feeds through your podcast app.

[Worship Ministry training podcast](#) - Had a recent rebrand but they've got a wealth of episodes in their back catalogue.

[The Worship Workshop Podcast](#) – a general worship podcast but has some great episodes and guests talking about developing their songwriting craft

[Worship Central](#) – not exclusively on songwriting but focussed on worship.

[The Resound Worship Songwriting Podcast](#) - some great in-depth analysis of existing worship songs on here that I've found really helpful. The one on 'developing seed ideas' is great too.

[The Ferment](#) - Not particularly songwriting focussed but has some useful episodes. Interviews "with thought leaders, creatives, entrepreneurs and other innovators, digging into their personal stories of spiritual transformation. Current roster of guests include John Mark McMillan, David Ruis and many others."