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## Completing Your Song

This workshop follows *Creating Ideas for Songs*

### Warm Up:

Free Writing to wake up your mind!

Start by listing any five words/phrases for example...

1. beach
2. sky
3. waves
4. calm
5. air

Set a timer for one minute per word/phrase. Write without stopping to think for one minute on each subject. Repeat until you have done this for each of the five words or phrases.

### Get Inspired:

During the Creating ideas for songs workshop, you will have decided on what your song is about and also chosen a backing track. Listen again to the backing track. Whilst listening try to hum a melody that fits with the track. Try out a few different melodies until you find one you like. Record yourself humming the melody using your phone or computer.

### Give it a Try:

Now you have a melody its time to bring that together with the concept you created in the previous workshop. Last term you came up with some lines on the subject you had chosen, now you can use those as your lyrics.

Think about how you can fit the words you've written into the melody. TIP: don't be too attached to your initial melody, it's just a starting idea. Allow yourself to change it if it doesn't fit with your lyrics. This process can take some time, and there is no need to rush it. Continue exploring until you have lyrics that are written into a melody.

### Challenge Yourself:

Once you've done this, you need to make sure you fit the melody to the beat. Find the rhythm of the song – try clapping to keep time. Once you are confident with the rhythm try singing/rapping along. Keep experimenting until you are happy that your lyrics and melody fit the beat.

### Go Further:

Once you have finished this, try recording yourself to see how it sounds. Try not to be self-conscious, no one else needs to hear it! Listen back – do you need to change anything? Are you happy with the lyrics? Does the song make sense? Did you achieve what you wanted to achieve? Good Luck!

This workshop was devised by Kema Kay for New Writing North Young Writers.



Kema Sikazwe, also known as Kema Kay, was brought up in the west-end of Newcastle. Kema came from a musical background with passion for rap, singing & songwriting which he developed in a local youth project where he spent most of his time as a teen. He's went on to perform at the biggest venues around Newcastle, Sage, Evolution Festival, Headlining the O2 academy as well as supporting big artists in the industry. It wasn't until his early 20s he got interested in acting where he went on to land a main role in BAFTA, BIFA Palme D'or award winning film I Daniel Blake and Lady Macbeth. This led to an interest with major agencies across the UK ending up with representation by Untied Agents. Eager to learn and built his craft he attended live theatre regularly becoming an associate artist at Live Theatre in 2017 getting up on stage for the first time. Writing & performing his Debut Show Shine which played at Live Theatre & toured to Edinburgh & received raving 4 star reviews.

When not on stage or on TV screen, he delivers songwriting workshops with various companies in Newcastle going into schools teaching kids how to rap, sing, song-write & build their confidence.

New Writing North Young Writers is a programme for young people aged 12-19. We run creative writing groups, masterclasses and programmes in schools across the North East. We support young people to express their ideas, to work with professional writers and artists, to create and share new work, and to meet other young writers.

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