

# VERSE

AND

# CHORUS

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THE MOST POPULAR SONG INGREDIENTS

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The verses tell the **STORY** of the song

The chorus is the **MAIN IDEA**, or the most important thought in the song

The **MELODY** stays the same, but the **LYRICS** change

Both the **MELODY** and **LYRICS** stay the same each time the chorus is repeated

The verses often work together to create a **NARRATIVE ARC**, telling the beginning (Verse 1), middle (Verse 2), and end (Verse 3) of the story

The chorus repeats after each verse to drive home the song's **EMOTION** and **THEME**... make it catchy and memorable!

Sometimes called a **STANZA**

Sometimes called a **REFRAIN**