
Tips For Composing and Arranging

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Step I: selecting the text to work with.

- 1 What text will you use?
- 2 Is the text copyrighted?
- 3 Is the text supported by scripture (Bible)?
- 4 What is the meaning of the text?
- 5 Does the text have any historical, societal, or political context or association?



Step II: Selecting the music.

- 1 Does the music match the idea of the text?
- 2 Does the music over-shadow the message of the text?
- 3 Does the music include appropriate transition points?
- 4 Does the music include appropriate ranges for Solo, SATB, TTBB, SAB, SSAA and other formats?
- 5 Does the music reflect the composers spirit, emotion and expression?

Step III Final Delivery/Release

- 1 Is the composition 100% complete and ready for release?
- 2 Has the final score been edited?
- 3 Have you considered publishing/recording opportunities?
- 4 Remember to give thanks to God for the gift of music.
- 5 When in doubt, always seek professional advice/assistance

