

Song Writing

Song Forms:

Verse – Chorus	8 line Verse/4 line Chorus	Pop Music
Call and Response	Soloist – Call/Group – Response	Spirituals
12 Bar Blues	AAB (4 Measures each –A’s Rhyme)	Blues
AABA Song Form	32 Measures – 8 Measures each Section	Broadway
Common Deviations from AABA Song Form:		
ABAC		
ABABABA		
A1 A2 Bridge A3		Country/Folk
Irving Berlin Song Form:		
A1 = 16 Measures		
A2 = 16 Measures		
B1 = 8 Measures		
B2 = 8 Measures		
C = 8 Measures		
A3 = 16 Measures		

Types of Songs:

Parodies (i.e. *New York New York* becomes *Detroit Detroit*)
Translations
Story Songs (i.e. *Coward of the County*)
Descriptive Songs (i.e. Beatles: *Eleanor Rigby*)
Situation Songs
List Songs (i.e. Bernstein/Sondheim: *Gee, Officer Krupke*)
Birthday/Holiday Songs
Gimmick Songs
Patriotic Songs
Nonsense Songs
Punch Line Songs
Social Message Songs
Inspirational Songs
Gospel Songs
Love Songs

