

## Interpreting Lyrics

- What's the setting?
- What's the moment before?
  - \* What happened?
  - \* What emotions are involved?
- What does your character want?
- What are the primary emotions in the song?
- What is the primary conflict in the song?
- Who is your character singing to?
- If the song is a duet, is your character listening to the other person?
- If the song is a solo, is the character listening to himself/herself?
  - \* Find lyrics that support your thesis.
  - \* Find musical elements that support your thesis?
- How well do music and lyrics work together (prosody)?
  - \* Why you should care
  - \* What to do when they don't.
- Find opportunities for playable moments.
  - \* Where are emotions amplified?
  - \* Where do they change.?
  - \* Find moments where decisions are made.
  - \* Is the character trying to be funny at any point?
- What happens in the song?
- What changes from beginning to end?
  - \* Does your character grow?
  - \* Does your character take action?
  - \* Does your character reach a decision?