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In this section we will explore putting a melody to your lyrics and fitting it over your chords or RCM Song-Writing Track Maker backing track.

Fitting your lyrics over the chords:

A really good way to get the rhythm for your song is to chant the lyrics, until you find a

Here are some top tips for fitting the lyrics over your chords or back e C

Starting to write your melody:

Play your backing music (either you playing or the [RCM Song-Writing](#)

Try picking two very close notes and just wiggling between them:

C D C D C D C A G A G A G A G

Sometimes a melody only moves a few notes up and down – this is totally fine, and a good way to make a nice simple tune.

Now try leaping up or down from one note to a much higher or lower note:

C G D A

Sometimes you might want to leap up with your voice to show emotion or passion.

Look at this lyric:

It's easy in spring to feel alive! On the word 'alive' you could leap up with your voice to show