**Ballad Phrasing Part 1 – Getting Started**

The main layers in your decision-making:

music

lyrics

vocal line movement

part tessitura

overall tessitura

chord voicing

embellishments

Identify the “pieces”

intro

verse

chorus

bridge

chorus #2

tag

Ballads come in numerous combinations of the above.

The storytelling depends on

music

lyrics

…and they are interdependent layers in your planning

OVERALL:

avoid a plan that will sound like a run on sentence

use ensemble breath spots to act like punctuation

find the musical high points in each “piece”

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