**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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