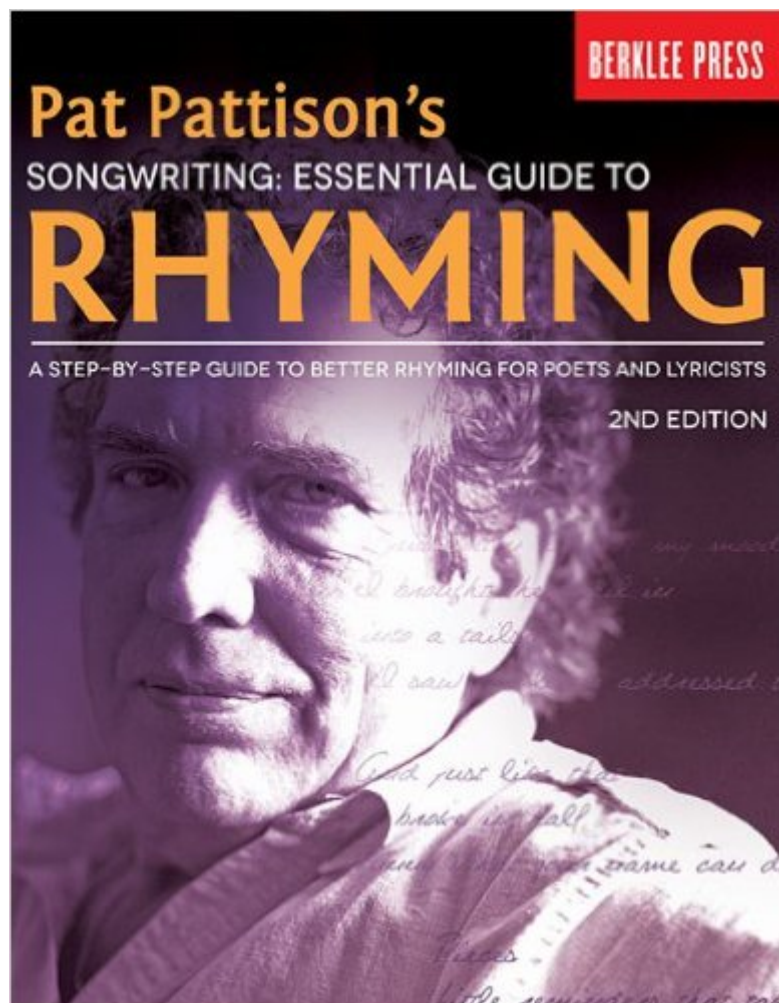


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# Pat Pattison's Songwriting: Essential Guide To Rhyming: A Step-by-Step Guide To Better Rhyming For Poets And Lyricists



## Synopsis

(Berklee Press). Find better rhymes, and use them more effectively. Rhyme is one of the most crucial areas of lyric writing, and this guide will provide you with all the technical information necessary to develop your skills completely. Make rhyme work for you, and your lyric writing will greatly improve. If you have written lyrics before, even at a professional level, you can still gain greater control and understanding of your craft with the exercises and worksheets included in this book. Hone your writing technique and skill with this practical and fun approach to the art of lyric writing. Start writing better than ever before! You will learn to:

- \* Use different types of consonant and vowel sounds to improve your lyric story
- \* Find more rhymes and choose which ones are most effective
- \* Spotlight important ideas using rhyme

The second edition of this classic songwriting text contains new strategies and insights, as well as analyses of the rhymes of Randy Newman, Warren Zevon, T.S. Eliot, and other songwriters and poets.

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I have been a songwriter for more than 12 years and this is an excellent book! It was challenging and I learned a ton, even after all of this time. It's more of a workbook than a read along book, so I learned so much more. The thing to do is to buy this book and then use it while doing his free coursera class, because this book covers the same stuff, but it MUCH GREATER DETAIL. It offers plenty of practice. The one downside I'd say is that there is no way to check your work, so with some of the material I did it, but I'm not 100% sure that I did it correctly. Either way, I still learned a lot.

lot from it.

Why would you need a 123 page book on how to rhyme? We all know June - spoon - moon - tune and love - above - dove, don't we? This book requires study and practice. No one is going to skim through this book and immediately become a better songwriter. But the effort is worth it. Pattison goes way beyond the perfect rhyme, so often used by the old school lyricists who wrote for Broadway musicals. He shows how to find and use the perfect, family, additive, subtractive, consonance and assonance rhymes of a given word. Once you develop the habit of systematically finding all of the possible perfect and less-than-perfect rhymes, you will be a better lyric writer. But it requires study and practice. Spend a month or two with this book and do the exercises. The process gets easier the more you do it.

This is a very technical book, that will give you a deeper understanding of rhymes, some times the technical stuff gets a little dry but it's worth pushing through that to be able to use the tools it offers some one that is trying to get better at anything. I highly recommend this book. I'm only a third the way through this book, and taking my time to absorb, not a fast read.

Brilliant resource. It's systematized and methodological like a theory book, but it's written in very plain and easy language with a barrage of helpful examples. Please note--plain and easy language doesn't mean you can skim it and understand it. You have to think about what he is saying and do the examples yourself to really learn from this. He doesn't just give examples of using rhymes effectively, but he also provides examples of the process of researching and crafting rhymes, and making decisions about lyric writing. He has a great blog, too. Google it.

Pat is an excellent teacher, and this book is just another example of his genius. I am learning new things everyday thanks to him. I use his books as reference guides constantly. A wonderful teacher, and very gifted in sharing his knowledge.

Bought all 4 of Pat's books and have been slowly working through them. I will probably work through them more than once. Lots of info, examples, guides and some exercises. I was very happy with them and felt like they were well worth the price. I've been very inspired after working through some of the info and putting it into practice.

Took his songwriting class and the exercises and examples in this book will help anybody develop their songwriting and poetry skills.

This book was purchased for a man in prison who requested a rhyming book to help him in his song writing. He wrote to tell me what a great choice I had made in ordering him this particular book as he thought it was terrific and will be very helpful.

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