

# Song/Character Report

**Song (Include Composer/Lyricist, show and date):**

**Historical Information:**

**Is this part of a larger work? If so, what else do we know of this larger work?**

**What do we know about the lyricist/librettist/poet?**

**Was it composed for a specific person, eg. a wife, mother, lover, etc?**

**What are you using the song for?**

**What kind of piece - realism, presentational?**

**Describe the moment - fantasy, daydream or real moment:**

**What is the atmosphere/setting I am in - warm, cold, inviting, oppressed, exotic, sensual, chaotic, etc.?**

**What is the time period?**

**Actor Questions**

**1. Who am I? (My STORY(series of events):**

**Describe your character in detail: physically, sociologically, personality, their age, their posture, their center of energy, etc.**

**How does the character fit into the book?**

**Have you experienced any of the character's scenarios?**

**Are you able to connect with the character or imagine what their emotions feel like?**

**How does your diction reflect your character? Is there an accent? What does the character's speaking voice sound like?**

**What has happened the moment before that causes your character to sing?**

**What is the emotional state of your character as the song begins?**

**2. Who am I talking/singing to? (scene partner or perhaps no one)**

**3. What do I want? (Objective) What I want that person to do:**

**4. How do I get it? (Conflict)**

**My POINT OF CRISIS: (Moment when I have to sing)**

**3 Descriptive words for the overall Song**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**What does the Music Tell You About the Character:**

**1. What's the Style**

- **Vocal Stylism Traits (vibrato, slides, fall-offs, pop-appoggiatura,etc.):**

- 2. How do the dynamic and possible modulation changes affect the vocal quality? Does it cause you to sing in chest register, head register or mix?**
- 3. Are there emotions behind the dynamic changes?**
- 4. How does tempo change affect the mood of your character and your voice?**
- 5. Are there any repeats of phrases? Words? If so, how are you going to express these Repeats?**