

The Fastest Way to Memorize a Song

Pick a song that you love and want to learn, with clear, understandable lyrics and that's easy and relatively short until you get used to this process.

1. **Buy the song**... support the artist you love, they will earn more from a purchase than Spotify streams or YouTube views, but I'm not going to judge you... do your thing.
2. **Write it out by hand**, you'll learn it faster. Save typing for the final copy when you're done.
3. **Listen to the whole song**,... write as you go, catch what you can, leave space for what you miss this time through.
4. **Take a moment at the end** to add any words you remember, then go back and listen again until you've got the song written out.

The first time through the song catch the timings for the start of each section and the first few words of each line, use an X to mark the start of a line if you miss the lyrics.

Then, try figuring things out usually in this order:

1. Label sections... chorus, verse, pre-chorus, bridge, introduction, solos, transitions and ending
2. Catch rhymes (ends of lines)
3. Then start filling in the gaps
4. While you're writing and listening: Start singing what you remember, hum first if it's easier and sing more each time.
5. Last time through sing along to check it.

Optional, add bar lines to the lyrics

Once you're done you can Google the lyrics to double check if you need to....

Remember... while you're listening to the entire song, you learn the whole song instead of bits and pieces... don't stop the recording, catch the words you miss the next time.

Over the next few days, singalong with the track, without looking at the lyrics... this will solidify it in your mind so you don't forget it. The more often you practice this approach the faster it works for you.

You can sing along with bass lines, riffs, lead lines, and solos to learn them too.

To learn a solo, learn to sing the entire solo before touching your instrument.

To learn the chord progressions, follow the bass line and sing the roots of the chords to start figuring out the chords.