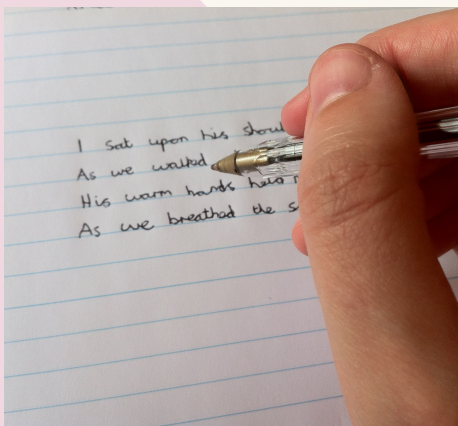


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I'm Justine, a **pop, country** and **folk** lyricist. I love the power lyrics have to comfort and heal.

I enjoyed writing lyrics as a child. I'm not sure why because nobody suggested this. I remember singing my lyrics a cappella to my classmates in primary school and to my teachers in singing groups.

I started taking lyric writing seriously at eighteen, when listening to other people's lyrics helped me through tough times. Lyrics continue to help me, and I want to do this for others.

After studying **BA (Hons) Music Composition** at university, specialising in the craft of lyric writing during my final year, I started using my website and social media to work as a lyricist.

**Pre-written lyrics** can be licensed on my website. Once you have bought the license, the lyrics are for your **exclusive** use.

I also write on **commission**, tailoring the lyrics to your requirements. This includes your individual **sound** and **style, vocal range**, and/or **topic ideas**. I can create lyrics to be set to music later, or write a topline to an existing instrumental.

Please read examples of my work on the next page.

## **If Heartache Was Visible**

### **Verse One**

I wish someone would hold me  
Tell me it will be all right  
But it doesn't matter  
It would just be lies

### **Verse Two**

There's more chance of you caring  
Than a night that I won't cry  
Of all the things you've stolen  
The worst of these is time

### **Bridge**

It's like trying to get there  
Burdened by a heavy weight  
I tell everyone I'm healing  
But the wound still feels the same  
Years down the line, tell me, will I feel this way?  
Mother Mary, help me, if I take this to the grave

### **Chorus**

Nothing but guilt would watch over you tonight  
If heartache was visible on the outside  
Somebody would help me; someone would save my life  
If heartache was visible on the outside

### **Verse Three**

You'd always take a handout  
And then punch me in the face  
Time is no great healer  
Not when the memories ache

### **Verse Four**

I don't get how you've blocked me  
I see no barricades  
No one thinks you've stopped me

But they don't feel the strain

### **Bridge**

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Burdened by a heavy weight  
I tell everyone I'm healing  
But the wound still feels the same  
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Mother Mary, help me, if I take this to the grave

### **Chorus**

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### **Climax**

I didn't have sharp edges  
Till you broke me into pieces  
If you're really bleeding  
It's not a big surprise

I didn't have sharp edges  
Till you crushed me into pieces  
Any sting you're feeling  
Is a fraction of my pain

### **Chorus**

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## **Do You?**

### **Verse One**

I must look strange to you  
Sat on this dining chair facing the door  
Does it seem odd to you?  
To see his stuff in bags down on the floor

### **Bridge**

I don't want my conviction to unravel  
When I hear his car wheels outside on the gravel  
When he walks in, confusion on his face  
Tell me, God, will you think I'm insane?

### **Chorus**

This is my burning question  
Please tell me the truth  
I'm sure of this decision  
Yet I don't know what to do

I won't miss him tomorrow  
'Cause I don't miss him tonight  
But will I miss him when I'm older?  
If I don't find someone new

Do you think I'm crazy?  
Do you?

### **Verse Two**

Isn't it maddening?  
He brags to all his friends 'bout how we're happy  
And then it's happening  
Back home he talks about how I embarrass him

### **Bridge**

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When I hear his car wheels outside on the gravel  
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Tell me, God, will you think I'm insane?

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Do you think I'm crazy?  
Do you?

### **Climax**

He wants me to wear makeup  
Every time we go to bed  
Why can't he just love me as I am?  
Am I waiting on a fantasy?  
Someone who can't exist?  
If that's the case, please help me understand

I don't think he's unfaithful  
He says he wants my children  
But I don't like this future we are building

### **Ending**

Do you think I'm crazy?  
Do you?  
Do you?  
Do you think I'm crazy?  
Do you?  
Do you?

Will I miss him when I'm older?  
If I don't find someone right

If I don't find someone new

His footsteps are outside  
So I'm asking one last time  
Do you think I'm crazy?  
Do you?

## **Everything You Said**

### **Verse One**

If you're being punished, why not do the crime?  
I sinned only once, and then a hundred times

### **Bridge**

Sometimes I wish I wasn't heartless  
But it won't break my heart  
Since I've been made of stone  
Their punches break their bones

### **Chorus**

Don't tell me I'm knocking at Satan's door  
That door was never locked  
I've been sat at the table for a long, long time  
My soul's already lost

So call me what the hell you like  
Heaven knows it's true  
I'm everything you said I was  
All those years ago

### **Verse Two**

Bury six feet under, fight with these bare hands  
You can kill with kindness, but it's not who I am  
At least not anymore

### **Bridge**

Sometimes I wish I wasn't heartless  
But it won't break my heart  
Since I've been made of stone  
Their punches break their bones

### **Chorus**

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All those years ago

### **Chorus Part Two**

Maybe there's somebody  
Wandering this cold earth  
Who knows I wore my halo  
Before you spoke the words

### **Climax**

I'm a force to be reckoned with, you better not return  
I feel the sunlight beckoning, but darkness doesn't burn

### **Chorus**

Don't tell me I'm knocking at Satan's door  
That door was never locked  
I've been sat at the table for a long, long time  
My soul's already lost

So call me what the hell you like  
Heaven knows it's true  
I'm everything you said I was  
All those years ago

### **Chorus Part Two**

Maybe there's somebody  
Wandering this cold earth  
Who knows I wore my halo  
Before you spoke the words

## **Chance**

### **Verse One**

Maybe your sins will catch your ankles like vines on the ground  
Maybe I can breakaway when they tear you down

### **Bridge One**

Thinking you're an angel isn't going to save you

### **Chorus**

I don't know how quick you are  
I only know I'm fast  
I'm not sure this is a war I can win  
But I'm sure I have a chance

### **Verse Two**

Maybe I'll hear the old you give advice in my head  
I'm escaping with the ghost of someone who's not dead

### **Bridge Two**

Thinking you're an angel doesn't make you faithful

### **Chorus**

I don't know how quick you are  
I only know I'm fast  
I'm not sure this is a war I can win  
But I'm sure I have a chance

### **Climax (Part One)**

Thinking you're an angel  
Thinking you're an angel  
Thinking you're an angel  
Isn't going to save you

Thinking you're an angel  
Thinking you're an angel  
Thinking you're an angel  
Doesn't make you faithful

### **Climax (Part Two)**

I see the light ahead  
Your footsteps fall behind  
I picture it so clearly  
In the heart of my mind

I see the light ahead  
Your footsteps fall behind  
It isn't just a dream  
Not if I believe  
For the first time in a long time  
It's not beyond my reach  
I guess it's time to leap

### **Ending**

I'm not sure this is a war I can win  
But at last, I have a chance

## **Bruises**

### **Verse One**

The air's feeling harsh on my skin; I'm exposed  
Your love was my home and I felt safe enclosed  
Now you're gone

### **Bridge**

You ripped through my soul  
Like a blade across my skin  
You blew out of proportion  
The most innocent of sins

Keep watching from your window  
As I battle through this life  
I have a lot to show you  
So go switch on all the lights

### **Chorus**

I'll show you all my bruises  
'Cause I know they will fade  
Your precious brittle glory  
Won't come around again  
I don't know life without you  
I'm scared but not afraid  
I'll never hide my bruises  
'Cause I know they will fade

### **Verse Two**

My life was a fortress we built on our own  
That's years in the making, destroyed and disowned  
Heaven knows...

### **Bridge**

You ripped through my soul  
Like a blade across my skin  
You blew out of proportion  
The most innocent of sins



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### **Chorus**

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'Cause I know they will fade

### **Climax**

You love to see me wounded  
You will hate it when I run  
So even as I'm limping  
The game's already won  
I'll never hide my bruises  
The game's already won

### **Chorus**

I'll show you all my bruises  
'Cause I know they will fade  
Your precious brittle glory  
Won't come around again  
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I'm scared but not afraid  
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### **Ending**

I'll never hide my bruises  
'Cause I know they will fade

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*"Justine's lyrics inspired me to write a song quicker than I have done for years. She is professional, helpful and a hard worker who takes what she does very seriously. Her writing has a depth that can only come from a place of compassion and sensitivity. I am very pleased to have worked with her."*

**~ Mike Lisle Dunn, Songwriter & Composer**  
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*"Justine is a great lyricist, as well as a lovely person to work with! Her lyrics exactly matched the ideas we had for a song beforehand, and she delivered them exactly when she promised she would. I can certainly recommend working with her!"*

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