AI Lyric Checklist

This checklist is designed to help songwriters critically evaluate and **revise AI-generated lyrics to ensure they meet** industry standards for **emotion, structure, originality, and voice**.

SECTION 1: Story & Theme

- ☐ Is there a **clear concept** or emotional through-line?

- ☐ Does the **title reflect** the central idea of the song?

- ☐ Are there **specific details or imagery** (vs. generic phrases)?

- ☐ Is the **message consistent** across all sections (verse, chorus, bridge)?

SECTION 2: Emotional Depth

- ☐ Does the lyric feel **honest, relatable, or vulnerable**?

- ☐ Do the words evoke a **mood or tone** that fits the music?

- ☐ Have you replaced flat AI phrases with **human emotional nuance**?

SECTION 3: Structure & Flow

- ☐ Is there a clear **verse–chorus structure** (or another recognized form)?

- ☐ Does each section serve a **narrative purpose**?

- ☐ Is there **rhyme consistency** (AABB, ABAB, etc.) without sounding forced?

- ☐ Are line lengths and syllable counts **rhythmically balanced**?

SECTION 4: Word & Phrase Quality

- ☐ Have you removed clichés or AI filler (e.g., "shine so bright," "fly so high")?

- ☐ Are your metaphors and similes **original** and on-theme?

- ☐ Have you varied the vocabulary to avoid **repetitive or robotic** word use?

- ☐ Do key lines (first line, chorus hook, closing line) feel **strong and memorable**?

SECTION 5: Vocalization & Singability

- ☐ Can the lyric be **easily sung aloud** without awkward phrasing?

- ☐ Have you adjusted word stress to match **natural melodic flow**?

- ☐ Do you have at least one **lyrically satisfying payoff line** (e.g., chorus hook, turnaround)?

SECTION 6: Voice & Authenticity

- ☐ Does the lyric feel like it comes from a **real person**, not a machine?

- ☐ Does the "voice" match your **genre, audience, and intent**?

- ☐ Have you inserted **personal perspective or point of view** where AI defaulted to generic narration?

✅ Final Question:

Would you send this to a publisher, artist, or producer as-is?

If not—this checklist helps you know **exactly what to revise.**