

# 24TH ANNUAL NSAI SONG CONTEST

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## LYRIC-ONLY CATEGORY JUDGING QUESTIONS

1. Is there a strong lyrical **beginning** that captures your attention? (1-10)
  2. Does the writer approach the **idea** in a unique and fresh way? (1-10)
  3. Are the **lyrics** descriptive and clear; building on the **theme** of the song? (1-10)
  4. Is there a fresh use of **language, imagery** and/or **rhyme**? (1-10)
  5. Is there appropriate use of **contrast and/or repetition** within both the **verse/A Section** and the **chorus/B Section**. (1-10)
  6. Are **line length** and **stress/syllable count** consistent from section to section? (1-10)
  7. Is there a memorable lyrical **hook**? (1-10)
  8. Does the combination of all sections make for a good **overall flow**? (1-10)
  9. Is the **song format** (length, structure, etc) appropriate? (1-10)
  10. Does the song evoke an **emotional response** from you as the reader? (1-10)
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