

Road map for parody writing.

(aka, arbitrarily numbered steps that you can rearranged to suit)



Step one:

Get an idea. A subject, a topic. Or start with a song.

Step two:

Figure out what the story of the song is.

Where does it start? Where does it end up? What happens in-between?

Step three:

If you haven't already, find a tune. (And if ya got a tune, get a topic!)

Step four:

In a notebook or in a Word file:

Place the lyrics of original song in left column.

Work your new version in the right hand column.

Step five:

Brainstorm your rhymes. Make lists.

Use the "alphabet method" or a website such as www.rhymezone.com

Fill it in! Be creative! Be goofy!

**Remember to count syllables.*

Original

Parody:

C F C
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,

F C G7 C
How I wonder what you are.

 F C G7
Up above the world so high,

C F C G7
Like a diamond in the sky.

C F C
Twinkle, Twinkle, little star,

F C G7 C
How I wonder what you are.