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There are a lot of songs in the bible. Miriam, Moses' sister, sings one after the Red Sea victory. Moses himself sings both the first song in the bible and the last. And where do we find the most famous set of songs in the bible? (Hint: there are 150 of them!) That's right, the Psalms. All songs. You can find an interesting article on biblical songs [here](#).

There are some interesting distinctives to biblical songs. Obviously, they focus on God, not nature or humankind. They tend to use parallelisms: two lines are related in some way, either restating the same thing, or stating the opposite, or building upon one another. They can be songs of praise, lament, anger, joy, or love. In fact, one of the longest songs, The Song of Solomon, is a book-long love song to God!

We see all of these in Moses' song that ends the book of Deuteronomy. The whole song is about God, it uses of parallelisms ("But Israel is a senseless nation; the people are foolish, without understanding"), and it includes warning, curses, blessings, and promises.

What would your biblical song look like? Could you take some time right now and write one? Try to use all the aspects of a biblical song: make it about (or better yet, "to") God. Write it with parallelisms, where one line restates the last in a different way. You can feel free to make it a song of praise, lament, or whatever you may be feeling today. While it won't be bible – God isn't inspiring you the way He did the Original Authors – it will still be a blessing to God, and hopefully to you.