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Country music lyrics are blasting on urban music stations as younger American trying to escape the emergence of bad pop and even awful pop music turn to this stable genre. Country music is currently gaining on rock as the second most popular music format on American radio stations. It is right behind hip hop in terms of people's ability to identify a feel, a demographic, and a sense of rebellion when they hear the lyrics on many songs.

If you look back into early to mid 90's it seemed that country music was on the decline. In fact, if you look at some of the popular hits from Shania Twain and even "I will always love you" by Whitney Houston, country music lyrics could only be heard by crossover pop artists. I'm sure that many in the industry thought this would be the end of great commercial successes for modern country artists.

Fortunately, the Nashville establishment held on to their traditions and developed a new set of country artists that would appeal to young urban listeners.

So why didn't they stray and turn country music into a subgenre of crappy pop?

The answer lies in the lessons of the 1980's. Country music went through a moment as the "it music" during the early to mid 1980's with detrimental results. There were more stars, doing more tours and making more money than ever before, but the most popular country music lyrics at the time did not reflect the geographic sensibilities of the south.

They became caricatures selling urbanites on the exotic possibilities of redneck culture and vain beauty queens.

The Nashville gatekeepers learned a very painful lesson.

Pop culture mangles, destroys, and makes fun of anything that comes in its path. They learned that:

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1. You can still get country music lyrics played on urban radios, but you will need your own radio networks
2. You can compete with pop by developing younger artists like Sarah Evans and Faith Hill who can present a pop image with solid country music lyrics on their albums.

So where does this lead modern country?

Still on the forefront, experimenting with country–rock, and Rhythm and blues collaborations.

It certainly is a good time for country music and an even better time for country music fans.

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Christian music has really taken off in the last couple of years. You can find mp3 songs for some of the biggest acts like Jaci Velasquez and DC talk online. The songs are great but then you also need a site with accurate Christian music lyrics as well. It's not fun to sing along with the tunes if you don't have the words in front of you.

Christian music lyrics are usually uplifting, down home, positive and very family friendly. If you have younger children who are always online and listening to their favorite bands, you want to find the right online music service that will give them the ability to import and store the lyrics on their playlist.

Christian music, unlike most other genres gives all of its power through the lyrics. If you see it and read it, you can enhance your enjoyment and learn more about daily Christian living.

In addition, access to Christian music lyrics might help to convince secular fans to buy more this type of music and support the new wave of popular artists. If you look at the average song from Jaci, Points of Grace or Nicole Mullen, the stories and messages in the songs are universal and can easily apply to secular music lovers.

They are not showcasing their faith, but instead showcasing their life and how faith has impacted them in becoming better people. In addition Christian musicians like their country counterparts still rely on good, old fashion story telling. The art of weaving entire stories around love, loss, family values and worship in a 4 minute song is still pretty common in christian music lyrics.

Thankfully, getting access to Contemporary Christian Music lyrics is easier with the resources you can

get from the online music stores.

So how do you get these lyrics?

You start by looking for an mp3 music service that offers direct lyrics from the music publisher or via plugins, software upgrades or on a fee per song basis.

Please check back often as we continue to search over the web to keep track of the music stores that are making it easier to store song lyrics with mp3 music files.

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