The Rights Checklist

Complete this checklist before you share any song publicly, and especially before you sell, distribute, or license it. Keep a completed copy in the song's project folder.

Song title: _____ **Date:** _____

Intended use: ☐ Personal ☐ Public, not earning money ☐ Commercial

Question	Yes	No	Notes
1. Plan: Was the song created and downloaded on a plan that allows the use I intend (personal or commercial)?			
2. Terms: Have I checked the current terms of service, and saved a copy or screenshot?			
3. Lyrics: Are the lyrics my own, or AI-generated? Do they include anyone else's lyrics?			
4. Uploads: Did I upload any audio? If so, do I own the rights to it?			
5. Voice: Does the song imitate a real singer or use anyone's voice without permission?			
6. Similarity: Does the song sound strikingly like an existing song?			
7. Public domain: If I used an old song, have I confirmed it's in the public domain, and that I didn't copy a protected arrangement?			
8. People: Does the song name or describe real people? Have I applied the kindness, privacy, audience, and sharing tests (Chapter 12)?			
9. Images: Does my cover art avoid logos, brands, and real people's likenesses?			
10. Disclosure: Am I ready to disclose AI use where required or appropriate?			
11. Documentation: Have I kept my prompts, lyrics, drafts, and revision notes?			
12. Advice: For any significant commercial use, have I considered consulting an attorney?			

Please note. This checklist reflects general U.S. principles and common AI music platform terms. It is not legal advice. Laws, court decisions, and company terms change often and differ by country. Check your AI music tool's current terms, see copyright.gov/ai for U.S. Copyright Office guidance, and consult a qualified intellectual property attorney before any significant commercial use.