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**9 Steps to**

**Authentic Singing**

1. Read and get familiar with the notes.
2. Read and get familiar with the lyrics.
3. Look for the characters & their backstory. Do they have one? If no, can you create one to help your performing decisions?
4. Research historical context.
5. View difference performances of the piece. Then stop watching and make your own roadmap.
6. Speak the lyrics out loud. Say the meaning like you are talking to your best friend.
7. Sing each voice part on an open vowel to experience the musical story.
8. Add words back in and see if there are consonants that can be utilized to enhance story telling.
9. Record yourself performing. Play it back with no sound. Watch your body language. Do you tell the story with emotion & physical style of the character?