

Outline of *Songmaster*, Orson Scott Card.

Questions: hints without explanations, unresolved conflicts.

Answers: environments, words and persons introduced.

Plot: what happens, which persons participate, resolved conflicts.

What would an outline for *Songmaster* look like? What can I learn about writing novels from this novel?

Page	Ch.	Questions	Answers	Plot
1	P.	Songhouse, Chambers, Stalls, Songbird, Control, High Room, Is Anset the Songbird for Mikal?	Nniv, Mikal, Songmaster, Nniv = Songmaster, Tew, Discipline of Frey, Mikal = ruler, Mikal wants Songbird, Songs without words but with meaning, Esste, Mikal the Terrible, Murders can't understand Songbirds but Mikal can (altruist), Esste will find the Songbird for Mikal	Mikal asks to enter Songhouse and gets first no then yes, Mikal asks for Songbird and Nniv says first no then yes because Mikal cries, 79 years pass
9	Esste			
11	1	Breeze	Baby market of Doblai-me, Anset 3 year old boy, Rruk 5 year old girl, The love song, Hint: Anset will soon be better than Rruk, Anset is good at reading feelings	Anset goes to Songhouse on Tew
14	2		Anset remembers parents vaguely, Control	First lesson of Anset uncovers talent
17	3	Is Anset the Songbird for Mikal?	Hope	Esste meets Anset

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19	4		Groan, Belch/Bell, Ansset has no friends, Ansset focuses on learning from teachers, Ansset wants to be a Songbird	Esste teaches Ansset
23	5		Lake, Esste know secret techniques	Lesson in Control, Ansset
27	6	Ansset is inhuman and therefore a problem	Kya-Kya, Deaf, The security equipment of Songhouse, High Room, Blind	Kya-Kya does not commit suicide, Nniv dies, Kya-Kya chooses next Songmaster, Esste, Kya-Kya meets Ansset, Kya-Kya leaves Songhouse
38	7			Ansset can reflect emotions but not contribute his own, Esste worries
39	8			Ansset stops singing to audiences, Esste worries
41	9		Ansset will sing to an audience when he can sing his own song	Ansset asks Esste about the ban = victory for Esste
44	10		Riktors Ashen	Riktors meets Ansset and demands a Songbird for Mikal from Esste
48	11	Can Ansset really target a song at one person?	Ansset scares a boy	Ansset and Esste goes to Bog, Ansset reflects and manipulates
59	12	Esste has a plan regarding Mikal?	Listening to Ansset will destroy you	Ansset goes and Esste follows in Bog, Esste decides Ansset isn't learning anything and they return to Songhouse, Esste discovers how good Ansset is at reading emotions
65	13		Riktors will pick up Ansset in 22 days	Kya-Kya wants to go to Earth and Esste relents
67	14			Rruk, Ansset is called to the High Room
69	15		Seeker, We learn who the parents of Ansset were, Ansset must learn to give so that later he can teach	Ansset and Esste are isolated and fighting, Esste has small victories

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75	16			Ansset wonders about Esste
77	17		The past of Esste, Singers take drugs against puberty and become sterile, Esste loved Greff but loved Songhouse more	Day 8, Esste suffers and Ansset has a victory
82	18		The 22 days are reduced to 15	Riktors kills a traitor
87	19			Day 11, Ansset feels fear
89	20	Does Esste have too much Control?		Ansset gives a little, Esste is tired of the battle, Ansset suffers
93	21			The battle rages
95	22			The battle is over
97	23			Ansset hears the love song and cries with joy
100	24			Ansset and Esste call each other mother and son, They are both healed
101	25			Ansset sings about the loneliness of his childhood, Esste comforts him, Ansset expresses his own emotions
102	26	How will Ansset's stay with Mikal be?		Ansset sings goodbye to the Songhouse and then leaves with Riktors
107	Mikal			
109	1		Susquehanna, Earth, Independence movements, Mikal, Plots against Mikal's life, Riktors won't be friends with Ansset	Ansset goes to Susquehanna
113	2		Chamberlain, Schedules	Ansset is stronger than the Chamberlain

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117	3		The music of the palace is different, Ferret, Anset is safe	Anset is searched by soldiers and questioned, Anset meets Mikal, Mikal accepts Anset, No more schedules
131	4		Kya-Kya wants a job in the government, Bureaucracy, Succession of Mikal, There are kidnap murders, Kya-Kya is frustrated	Mikal, Anset, Kya-Kya visits the palace
139	5		Anset has been with Mikal for 2 years	Anset is alone in the garden and is kidnapped
141	6			Searching for Anset
142	7	What happens during Anset's captivity?	Husk, Master, Ship, Anset calls Mikal father	Anset sings
148	8	Is something wrong with Anset?		Anset is free and heading back to the palace
150	9	Is Anset now an assassin and a danger to Mikal?	Anset was held 5 months, Tracking the kidnapers	Chamberlain and Captain interrogates Anset, There is a secret, Mikal orders that he will see Anset now
156	10		Still tracking	Mikal finally sees Anset again
161	11		Anset will have more guards now, The empire will die with Mikal, Anset can't be the next emperor	
165	12	Have all of the kidnapers be found?	17 men killed before they can be interrogated	Chamberlain, Captain, Mikal, Anset
169	13	Is the Captain guilty?	The Captain is arrested	Chamberlain and Mikal and Anset go to the ship
173	14	Is the Chamberlain guilty?	The Captain is innocent, The past of the Captain	The Captain is in a cell and commits suicide

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179	15	What does Mikal lie about? What does the Chamberlain lie about?	Mikal and Chamberlain duel with words, Riktors becomes the next Captain, There are more plotters	Ansset, Mikal wins a word duel against the Chamberlain
183	16			Mikal, Chamberlain sets the assassin in motion, There's 2 assassination attempts at once, Ansset is revealed as a killer
187	17		Mikal's past	
190	18		The training to assassin revealed, Ansset sent back to Songhouse	Riktors, Mikal, Chamberlain
196	19	Ansset realizes something but what?		Ansset is under guard but returns to Mikal
200	20			Ansset, Mikal, Chamberlain, Riktors, Chamberlain triggers Ansset again, Chamberlain arrested, Mikal safe, Riktors is also a traitor, Riktors is named heir, Mikal abdicates
207	21		1 year passes	Mikal is killed
208	22			Funeral, Ansset becomes Riktors' Songbird
211	23		Songhouse controlled Mikal and Riktors through Ansset	Onn, Esste, Songhouse
213	Josif			
215	1		Kya-Kya is in a bad job because she is young and female and gifted, Warvel is her boss, Kyaren, Josif, Josif is gay	Kya-Kya and Josif become a couple
232	2		Ansset is 15 and wants to go back to Songhouse and Riktors disagrees	Ansset is exiled to a corner of the palace

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236	3			Kyaren finds a statistical anomaly, Kyaren and Josif find the reason, People are afraid, A crime is reported, Both are promoted, Ferret teaches them a lesson
253	4		Anset can't sing, Anset becomes a teenager	Songhouse won't take Anset back, Anset becomes new manager of Earth
261	5		Riktors is keeping Anset against his will	Esste, Onn
263	6			Kyaren, Anset learns his new job, Anset takes a walk outside
272	7		Anset sing-talks, Anset is a good diplomat	Kyaren
279	8	Will the relationship between Kyaren and Josif end?	Josif and Kyaren get married and expect a child	Josif falls in love with Anset
288	9		Kyaren and Josif have son called Efrim, Anset becomes impotent	Anset tours Earth, Josif and Anset make love and Anset reacts with pain because of the Songhouse drugs
305	10		Riktors learns that Anset has lost his songs, Anset learns that Riktors kept Anset on Earth, Ferret taught Anset how to kill	Kyaren, Anset demands to see the maimed Josif, Anset sings to Riktors who goes insane, Ferret kills himself
317	Kyaren			
319	1			Josif kills himself, Mayor and Kyaren “relays orders from Riktors”, Kyaren sends for Esste
321	2			Esste heals Anset
322	3		Mayor and Kyaren and Anset rule, Riktors is a facade, Mayor marries Kyaren	Riktors and Anset become friends again

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329	4		Ansset is emperor for 60 years	
330	5			Efrim becomes the next emperor, Ansset goes back to Songhouse
333	Rruk			
335	1			Esste dies in the High Room
336	2			Onn finds Esste, Rruk is the new Songmaster
343	3			Ansset comes to Songhouse, Rruk welcomes him
347	4			Ansset can stay is he remains mute and anonymous
352	5		Fiimma	Ller knows about Ansset, Fiimma knows about Ansset
356	6			Ansset revisits memories and sings alone, He visits returned singers, Ansset sings in Songhouse
363	7			Fiimma learns from Ansset, Ller discovers it
365	8	Will it be accepted that Ansset changed Fiimma?		
368	9			Rruk, Fiimma, Ller, Ansset is allowed to sing to everybody
372	10			Ansset sings for 6 days and changes Songhouse
374	11			Ansset dies, Rruk, Fiimma, Kya-Kya, Mayor, Efrim