

Lyrics Tag Viewer

v1.1

Universal, for macOS 12+/Music v1.2+
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View and edit a selected track's Custom Lyrics tag in a non-modal window, which, unlike a track's Info panel, will not block keyboard and mouse activity in the Music app's interface.

Universal, for macOS 12 and later only.

Installation:

This script, "Lyrics Tag Viewer", is an **AppleScript applet** and can be run by double-clicking its icon in the Finder. Thus, it can be installed anywhere you find it convenient to access. However, it is probably best accessed from the Music app's Script menu, from where it can be launched by clicking its name.

To make an AppleScript available in the Music app's Script menu, install it in the Music "Scripts" folder. This is located at *[user name] / Library / Music / Scripts /*. The Music app will look for AppleScripts in this folder.

*The user Library directory may be hidden by default. To make it visible, hold down the Option key on your keyboard and select **Go > Library** from the Finder.*

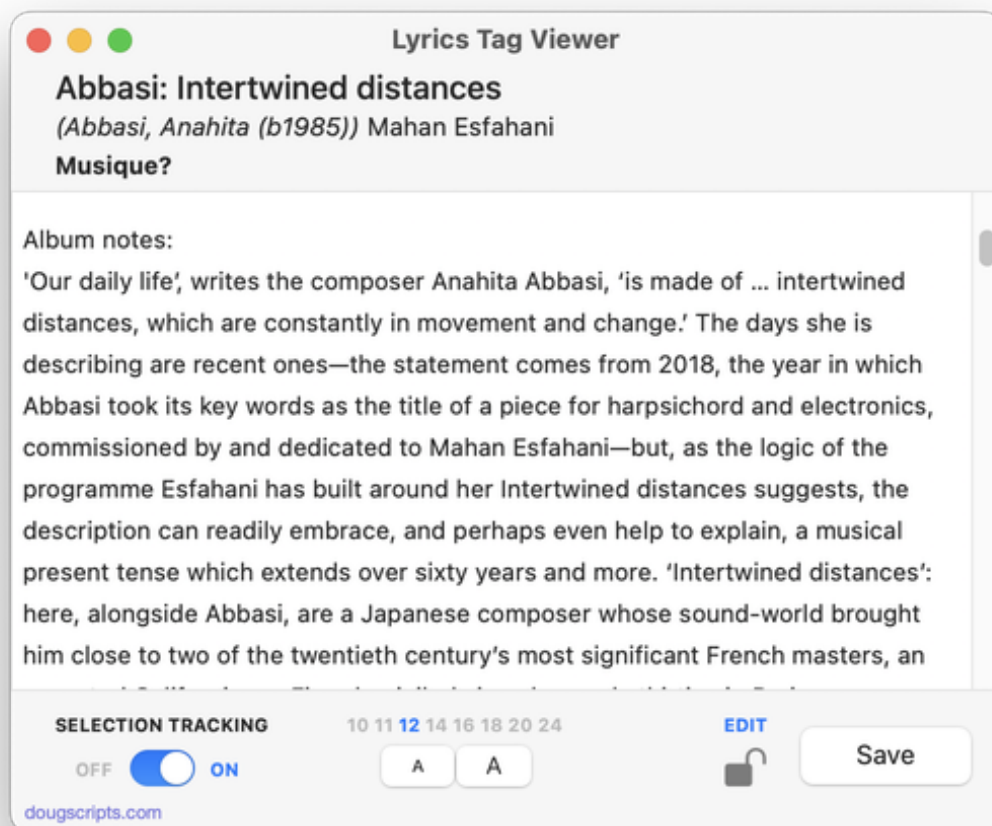
If the *[user name] / Library /* folder does not contain the "Music" or "Scripts" folder, then create them and put the script(s) in the "Scripts" folder. AppleScripts will then appear in the corresponding the Music app's Script menu, and can be activated by selecting by name and clicking. Be sure to also save this Read Me document in a safe and convenient place.

See the online Download FAQ for more info and video on downloading and installing AppleScripts.

How to use:

Launch the script. While it is running, it will monitor your single track selections in the Music app.

Select a track and if it has "Custom Lyrics" in its lyrics tag the script will display it in its window. (The script **cannot** access or display lyrics that Apple has supplied; it can only access user-entered "Custom Lyrics" text. Some audio files obtained from places other than Apple may have accessible lyrics text as well.)



Text in the window can be edited and then saved back to the currently selected track.

- **Selection Tracking** - Setting this to "ON" will allow the script to monitor your changing track selections in the Music app. Turn this "OFF" to prevent track selection from being detected. When "OFF", the original selected track remains the target for

any edits/save of text.

- **Text Size** - Use the "A" text size buttons to increase or decrease the size of text in the window. This is for viewing convenience only. Text size cannot actually be applied to a track's lyrics text.

- **Edit** - Click on the lock icon to toggle between enabling and disabling of editing and saving of lyrics text. Just in case.

- **Settings** - Settings can be accessed from the Application menu or by clicking **Command-**, (*comma*). The only setting is "Float the window", which will toggle the app's ability to stay on top of other applications while running.

TIP: To view the lyrics tag of the *currently playing track*, press **Command-L** in the Music app *first* to **select** it in the Music app's browser window and *then* it will be accessible to the script.

- **Save** - Click the "Save" button to apply the text (which may have been edited) in the window to the selected track's lyrics tag. Remember that only the "Custom Lyrics" will be changed.

- **Export as Text...** - **File > Export as Text...** - Export the text in the window as a basic text file (".txt") without formatting of any kind.

- **Print** - **File > Print...** - Displays the traditional **Print Dialog** from which **PDF options** are also available.

Helpful Links:

Information and download link for this script is located at:

<https://dougscripsts.com/itunes/scripts/ss.php?sp=mxlyricstagviewer>

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Version History:

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- Works around an issue that prevented exporting as text
- Minor adjustments and fixes

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- initial release

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