

Sound File Instructions Using Audacity

1. Listen, sing along, and practice with your part. The sing-a-long files I would like you to use are on my website on the “Virtual Choir” tab.
2. Figure out a set up where you can sing along with this track and record yourself while listening. The final recording should be you singing all the way through with no starting or stopping. It should also be ONLY your own voice.
3. You can use two devices (one to play the track while you listen with headphones and another to record your singing, then save and email me the recording of you singing WITHOUT the background track audible) or you can use any audio mixing software to listen with headphones to record your voice while you listen to the sound file over headphones. I recommend Audacity if you choose that option (download at <https://www.audacityteam.org/download/>). To use Audacity:
 - i. Save the practice track somewhere you can find it on your computer.
 - ii. Open Audacity and go to File > Import > Audio" and select the practice track you downloaded.
 - iii. Go to Tracks > Add New > Mono Track
 - iv. Make sure you have headphones plugged in and they selected as your audio output device (It's the speaker shaped icon with a drop down menu in the upper right hand portion of the screen).
 - v. Hit record and sing along with the accompaniment track.
 - vi. Mute the accompaniment track on the left portion of the track screen and listen to your singing track alone (it will probably be out of sync with the accompaniment track. There are fixes, but they're complicated and it's easier to just mute the accompaniment and listen to your voice only).
 - vii. If you don't like that singing track, delete it on the left portion of the track screen, add a new mono track, unmute the accompaniment track, and try again.
 - viii. Once you have a recording you like, delete the accompaniment track, so the only track on your screen is your voice. Go to File > Export > Export as mp3. (It may prompt you to download a .lame extension. It's a safe download). Save the file somewhere you can find.
 - ix. Email the file to me.

I can deal with most sound file types, so please feel free to email me any format you can make work. Mp3s are among the smallest formats file-size-wise, so if file size is an issue this would be an easier format.

Feel free to reach out if you're having trouble! If I'm not teaching, I'm happy to video conference and walk you through any tech problems. I'm sure there are others in the chorus who would also be able to help.