

The Friendly Guide

To Making Your Recording of *Is He Worthy*

What we need from you are two things: a video of you looking as though you are enjoying singing this song 😊 and a sound recording of you actually singing it.

For the sound recording the only thing we want to hear is your voice, and not the backing track as well. There are several ways to do this, and several sets of instructions depending on what equipment you have and how many people in your household are trying to do this at the same time.

STEP 1- Don't panic!

STEP 2 – make your recording(s)

I want to record myself on my own

What you will need:

- The easiest way to do this would be to have two devices on the go (two mobile phones, or a phone and a tablet, or a laptop, or any combination) Then you can record the sound on one and the video on the other, all in one go.
- headphones/earphones
- the backing track

But I only have one device...

No problem! You'll need to use your device for recording, but you will still need the backing track too. Get in touch and we can send you a CD. Follow the **sound recording** instructions below and record yourself singing. Then follow the **video recording** instructions and make a video – it doesn't matter at all what the video sounds like, because we will use the sound from your audio recording, so if the phone rings, the dog barks, or you forget the words it doesn't matter!

What if several people in my household want to do this together?

Great! Please do 😊

When you make the video it's fine to have the backing track playing out of a speaker and all of you singing along to it together. We won't use the sound from the video though, so we will still need each of you (or whoever wants to) to do your audio separately.

Making your Sound Recording

What we need is an audio recording where you are singing along to the backing track (don't just sing to yourself or you'll never be in time or in tune!) but we only want to hear your voice and not the backing track with it. That means you need to listen to the backing track through headphones, so it doesn't come out in the recording. If you are happy finding your own way to do this then great – we don't mind how it's done, just send us the end result. If you have no idea then read on...

It's probably easiest to use two devices for this if you can.

- connect your headphones to the device you will play the backing track on
- open the voice recorder / voice memo app on the device you will sing into. All mobile phones have some kind of recording app built in – just hunt around for something that looks likely!
- press the record button
- now start the backing track going and when it gets to your bit sing along!
- when the backing track finishes press stop on the recording and that's it – you're done!

TIP: Make sure you are nice and close to the device that is recording your sound. It will always sound terrible if you're a long way away. Get as close as you dare!

If you're reasonably comfortable with using your smartphone, there's a good app called Band Lab which makes this whole process quite straightforward:

- Download the BandLab app, available on apple and android.
- Create a new project by clicking on the red plus symbol

- The screen will say voice/mic, swipe to the left to import currently existing track, which you will need to have saved on your phone somewhere. This track will become track 1.
- Click the little black plus sign to add a new track which will become your part and select voice/mic
- Plug in headphones so only you can hear the backing track and the microphone just records your voice
- Ensure that track 2 is selected so the new recording happens on track 2 rather than over track 1
- Click the back arrow to take you to the very beginning of the track
- Press the record button, and the app will start to play the backing track. Sing over the top and it will record you onto track 2.
- If you make a mistake, just click 'undo' and start again. If you get the whole way through and then make a mistake at the end, you can re-record sections of your part by swiping across to a place where you can pause for a moment before coming back in and then recording from there over the top of what you have already done.
- Select stop recording when finished
- Click the back arrow to go back to the beginning and press play to hear what it all sounds like
- If you are happy then click on the left of the screen under the two microphones to open the track options
- Click on the little dots at the top of track 2, then select 'download', which gives you the option to save or email your part.

Making your Video Recording

We need a *landscape* video from you, where there is plenty of background – don't set it up so that your face fills the whole screen because that makes editing very difficult.

Perch the video camera on something stable and press record, then start the backing track up (probably on another device) and off you go!

If you have several devices then you can make the video at the same time as doing the audio recording.

Don't worry about the bit at the beginning where we see you stepping back from the camera to start the recording, or the bit at the end where you step forward to press stop – we can edit that out!

TIP: videos look better if you are not looking down into the camera, so try to have the camera at your eye level, not below you.

