



# Instrumental Updates July 2020

## Piano/Keyboard



Welcome to our second instrumental update for all piano and keyboard players. Have you done any good performances recently? Remember you can send us a video of your playing to be shared on our social media pages.

### FOCUS OF THE MONTH – DYNAMICS

Dynamics are an expressive tool that we use to change the volume of the music. Dynamics are a great way to make your playing sound more exciting and they help to bring out all the different colours and emotions of a piece of music.

Here are some of the different dynamic markings that you might see in your music

<i>piano</i>	<b><i>p</i></b>	soft
<i>pianissimo</i>	<b><i>pp</i></b>	very soft
<i>forte</i>	<b><i>f</i></b>	loud
<i>fortissimo</i>	<b><i>ff</i></b>	very loud
<i>mezzo piano</i>	<b><i>mp</i></b>	medium soft
<i>mezzo forte</i>	<b><i>mf</i></b>	medium loud
<i>crescendo</i>	<b><i>cresc.</i></b> <	gradually louder
<i>diminuendo</i>	<b><i>dim.</i></b> >	gradually softer

On the piano the harder you press the keys down then the louder the notes will sound.

If you use the weight from your arms, hands and fingers then you will get a big, loud sound.

If you press the keys down gently with your fingers then you will get a soft, quiet sound. Make sure you are still pressing the keys all the way down though.

How loud and how softly can you play?

### FREE RESOURCES

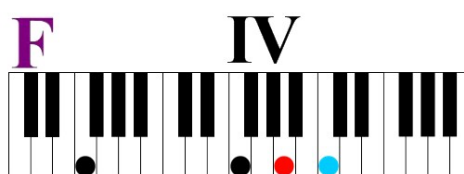
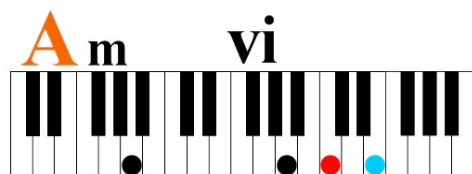
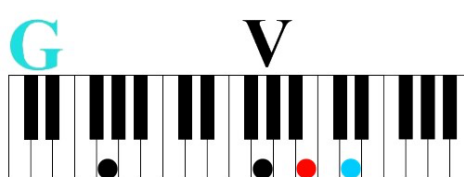
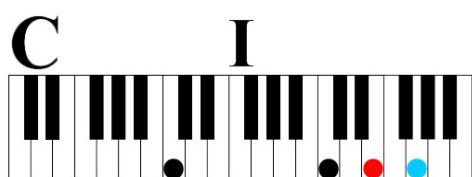
Check out the Musica Kirklees website. The link below will take you straight to the piano/keyboard page where you will find all the YouTube videos plus some free sheet music for you to try. The resources range from beginners right up to grade 8 standard.  
<https://www.musicakirklees.org/resources-for-piano-and-keyboard>



# The Four Chord Song Challenge

Did you know that there are loads of songs that only use four different chords?

This is how to play the chords in the key of C major



If you find that quite easy then have a go in E major below (remember all 4 sharps)

## Four Chord Song

Nick Long

♩ = 120

How many songs can you find that fit with the four chords?

Here are some that I've found:

- Don't Stop Believing
- Auld Lang Syne
- Can You Feel the Love Tonight
- Paparazi
- You're Beautiful
- Where is the Love
- I'm Yours



Enjoy your music making!  
Mr Kitchen

