



# Using MIDI Files



# What is “MIDI” anyway?

- ▶ “Musical Instrument Digital Interface”
- ▶ Music files that can be played on electronic devices
  - ▶ computer
  - ▶ tablet
  - ▶ cell phone
  - ▶ MP3 player
- ▶ Emulate various instruments



# VIC choral rehearsal MIDI files

- ▶ <http://www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm>
- ▶ Separate files for each part
  - ▶ That part emphasized (louder) over other parts
  - ▶ Rendered as piano
- ▶ Ways to use the files
  - ▶ Use directly from web site
  - ▶ Download to device and use from there
  - ▶ Copy to CD



# Use directly from web site

- ▶ Make sure speaker volume is up
- ▶ Then:
  - ▶ Go to [www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm](http://www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm)
  - ▶ Find the section and part you want
  - ▶ Double-click it
- ▶ Advantages
  - ▶ Automatically get latest version
  - ▶ Simplest
- ▶ Disadvantages
  - ▶ Portability?



# Download to device

- ▶ Download the file(s) you want:
  - ▶ Set up a location to save the file(s)
  - ▶ Go to [www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm](http://www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm)
  - ▶ Right-click the section and part
  - ▶ Click "Save link as", select save location
- ▶ Play the file(s)
  - ▶ Make sure speaker volume is up
  - ▶ Go to the save location
  - ▶ Double-click a file
- ▶ Advantages
  - ▶ Can select player (Windows Media Player, Van Basco Karaoke, Garage Band, etc.)
  - ▶ Portability
  - ▶ Use on MP3 players
- ▶ Disadvantages
  - ▶ May be the only way for Mac users
  - ▶ May miss changes/corrections
  - ▶ Requires storage space



# Copy to CD

- Download the file(s) you want:
  - Set up a location to save the file(s)
  - Go to [www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm](http://www.choraltech.us/playit/vic.htm)
  - Right-click the section and part (MP3, not MIDI)
  - Click “Save link as”, select save location
- “Burn” the CD
  - Copy the saved files to CD device
  - Follow normal process for creating a music CD
- Advantages
  - Can play on car or other CD player
  - Portability
- Disadvantages
  - Requires CD player
  - May miss changes/corrections
  - Requires storage space



# Van Basco Karaoke player

- ▶ Go to <http://www.vanbasco.com/>
- ▶ Download/install player
- ▶ Set as default program for .MID files
- ▶ Start Karaoke and select MIDI file (or double-click .MID file)
  - ▶ Turn parts on/off as desired
  - ▶ Adjust tempo as desired