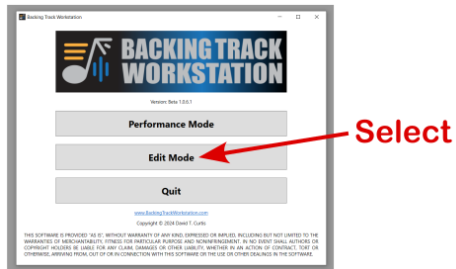


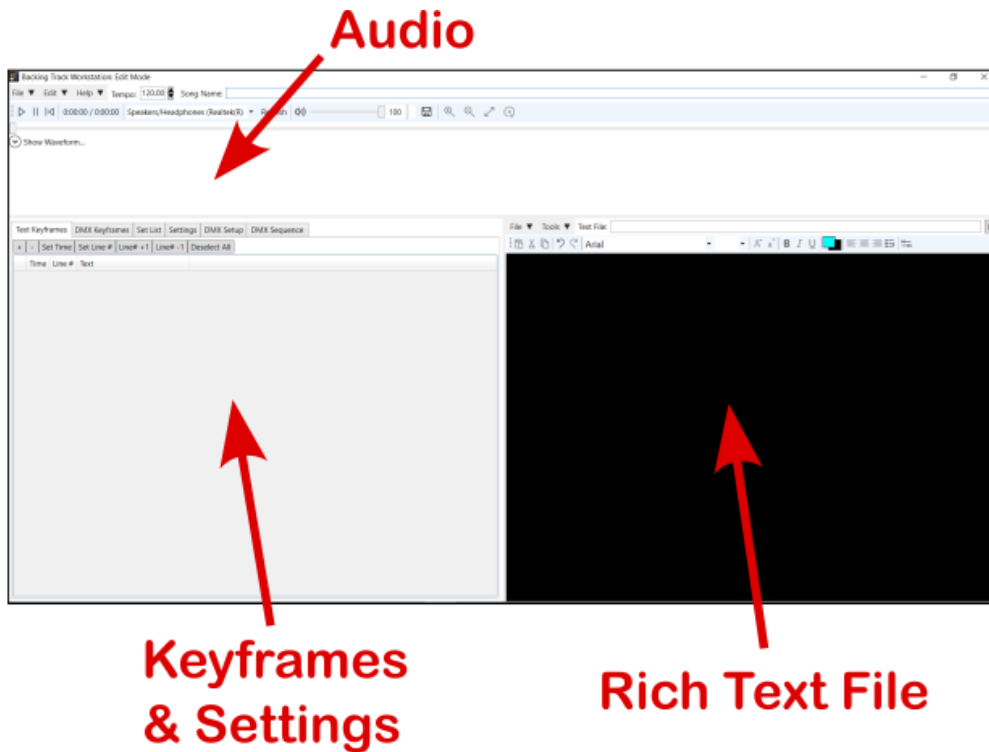
Backing Track Workstation – QuickStart 6/6/2025

When you start the Backing Track Workstation software application, you are given the choice to enter “Performance Mode” or “Edit Mode”. Performance Mode is where you will load a setlist of songs that can be quickly selected and performed. Edit Mode is where you setup the songs and settings for the equipment you are using.

Select Edit Mode.



The Edit Mode Window:

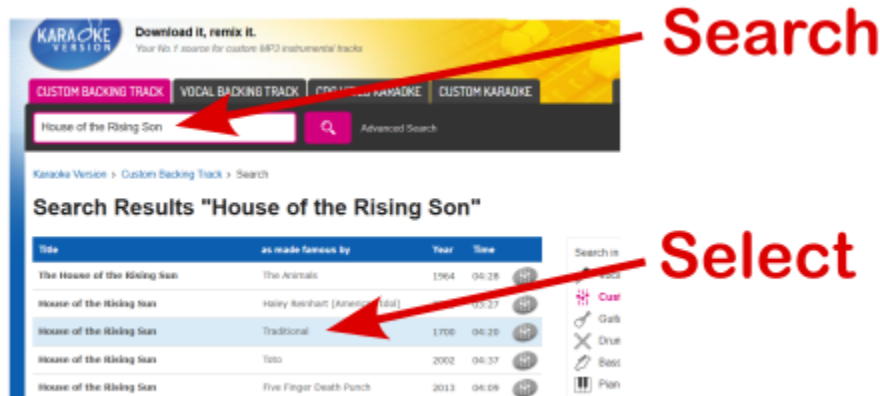


The Edit Mode window is divided into three major sections: Audio, Rich Text File and Keyframes / Settings. The audio section is where you load the backing track audio file and control playback. The Rich Text File section is here you import or type the lyrics, chords and other text that will be displayed when performing the song. The Keyframes and Settings section is here you setup keyframes to align the audio, text and lights to playback in perfect synchronization.

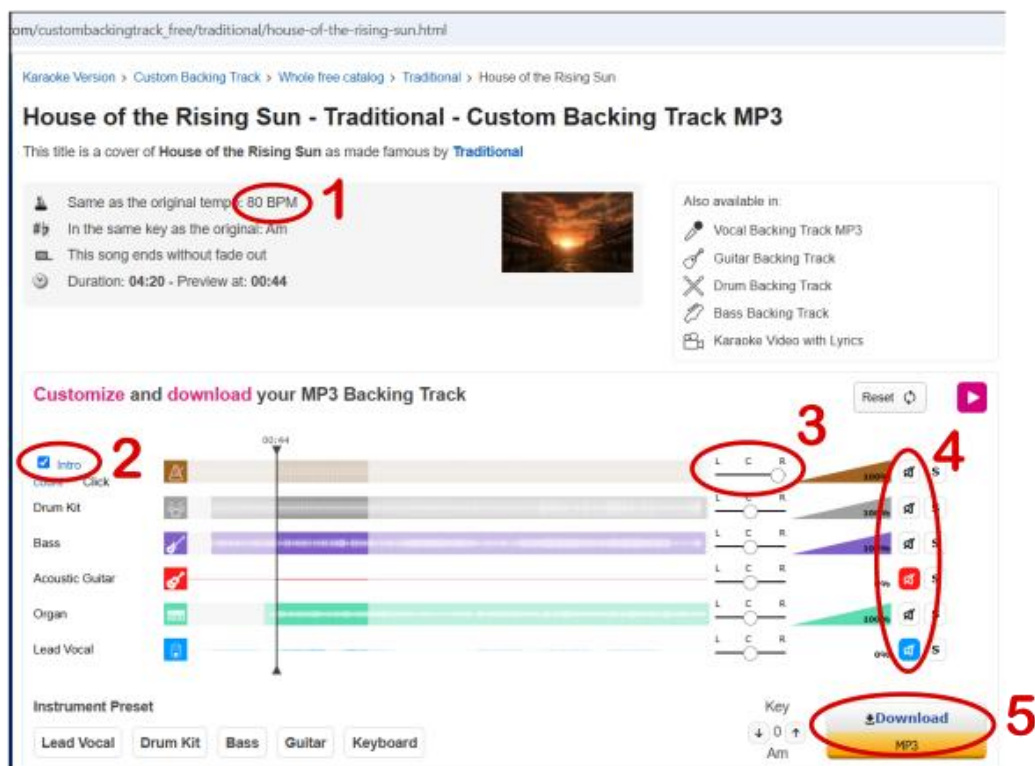
Select an Audio Track

If you already have a backing track, you can load it by going to the top left “File” drop down menu and selecting “Import Audio”. For this example, we will create and download a free custom backing track from **Karaoke-Version.com**. Start by going to the website: “Karaoke-version.com”. Sign-in or create an account (this is a very good resource even if you plan to create your own backing tracks).

Once you are signed in to Karaoke-Version.com, click on the “Custom Backing Track” tab and search for “House of the Rising Sun”. Select the “Tradition” version (It’s Free!)

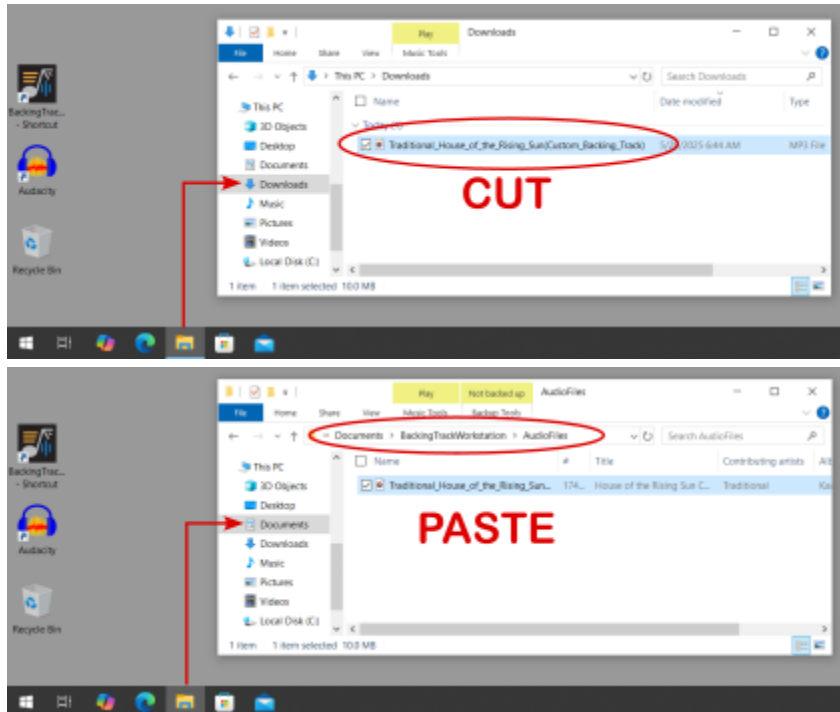


Setting Up the Custom Backing Track

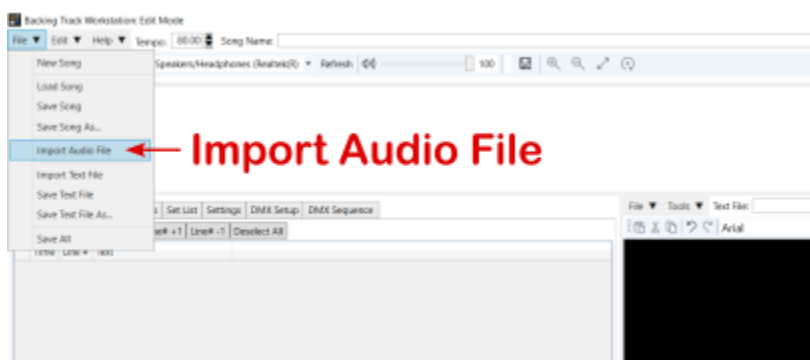


- 1) Take note of the tempo (80 beats per minute) you will need it later.
- 2) Check the “Intro” box, this will add a few clicks as an intro lead-in.
- 3) Move the Balance of the Click Track all the way to the right.
Make sure the click track is not muted.
- 4) Mute the parts you don’t want in the backing track (vocals, guitar...)
- 5) Download your finished custom backing track.

Move the Audio Track to the Backing Track Workstation User Folder



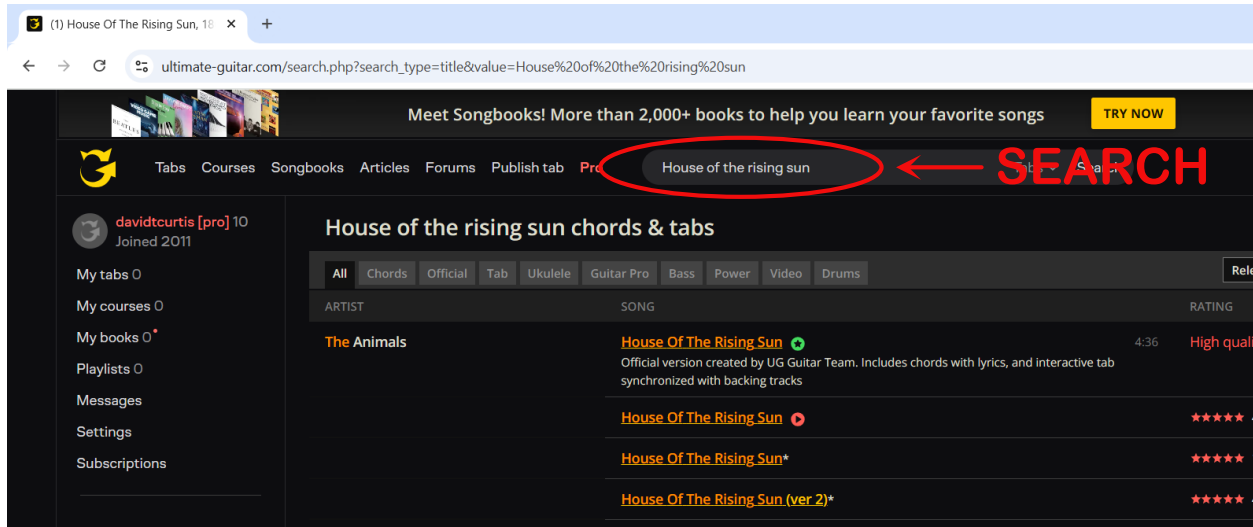
Navigate to your “Downloads” folder and find the audio file you just downloaded. Move the audio file to the \Documents\BackingTrackWorkstation\AudioFiles folder.



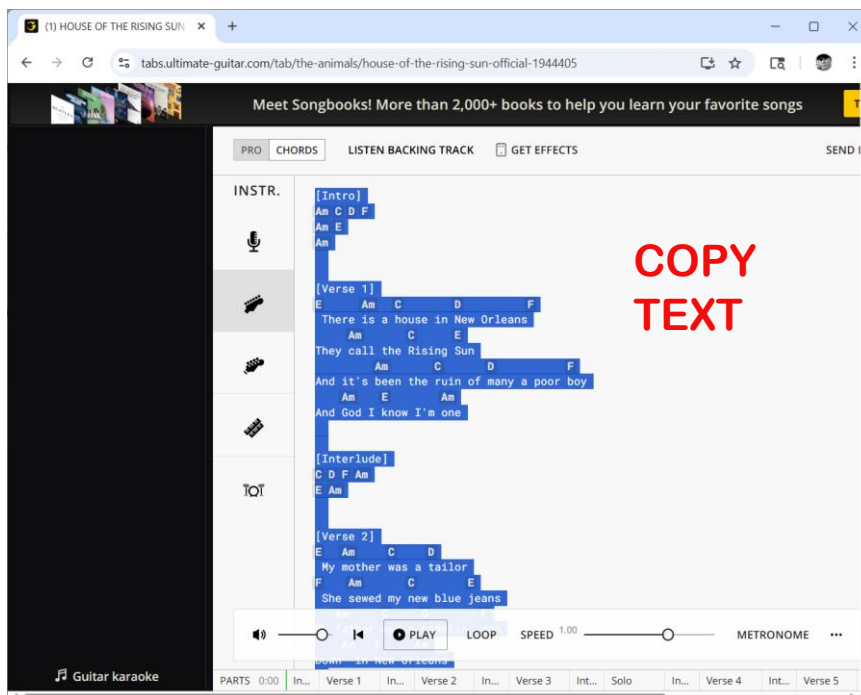
Then, go back to the Backing Tracking Workstation application window and select File->Import Audio File from the top left drop down menu. Enter the correct tempo. Check the audio settings and test playback.

Lyrics / Chords / Text

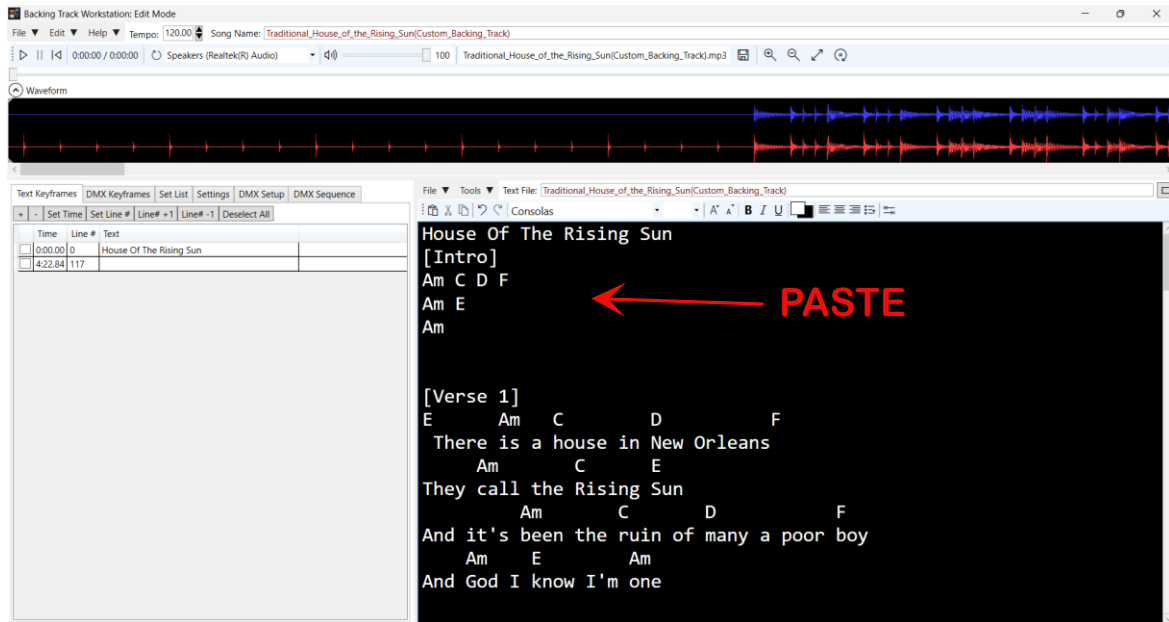
Minimize the Backing Track Workstation window and navigate to **Ultimate-Guitar.com**.



Search for “House of the Rising Son” or whatever song you are looking for. Select a version to open up a page with the lyrics and chords.



Copy the text. If you are having trouble selecting the text in the ultimate-guitar.com window, select print or download pdf and copy the text from there.



Go back to the Backing Track Workstation window and paste the text into the Rich Text Box. Once you have copied and pasted the text into the Backing Track Workstation RTF window, select a monospace font like “Consolas” to properly align the chords. For a list of monospace fonts, you can go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_monospaced_typefaces

You can now play the track and watch the chords / lyrics scroll up the screen. If this is all you need, you can save a song file and then import the song into a setlist.

There are many options available to fine tune the appearance and scrolling of the text. You can adjust the scroll timing by adding text keyframes. To add a text keyframe, place the audio cursor where the lyric or chord should be played in the audio, place the text cursor on the targeted line of text and then press the “+” (add text keyframe) button.