

Guide 2 of 4 — Lyrics + Backing Track + Cues

Add recorded playback, lyric timing, and a saved track mix

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Add timed playback

Use this goal when you perform with a full mix or individual stems and want Cuevera to follow the recording. Cuevera analyzes the selected audio, aligns the lyrics, and builds the timed section flow. Advanced MIDI, lighting, mix, and PDF cues are covered in Guide 4.

Before you begin

- Complete Guide 1 first if you are new to Cuevera.
- If the song is locked as **Performance Ready**, open it from **Songs**, click or tap the green status badge beside the title, choose **Needs Work** or **In Progress**, and select **Save Status**.
- Have clean lyrics with labeled sections.
- Have either one audio file or a stem ZIP. Keep all stems from the same song version and export them from the same starting point.
- Keep the files on local storage while preparing the song.

Prepare the song

1. Open the song, select **Prepare Song**, and choose **Lyrics + backing track + cues**.
2. On **Playback**, choose **Backing track**.
3. Choose an audio file or stem ZIP. Confirm every assigned stem says **All files available**.
4. Use **Preview Mix**. Confirm the beginning, ending, lead vocal, and stem alignment all match.
5. Choose the clearest lead-vocal stem under **Lyric timing vocal** when Cuevera needs help identifying the words.
6. On **Lyrics Reference**, check the lyrics and section headings that Cuevera will align.
7. On **Analyze**, select **Analyze & Rebuild Song** only when you intend to replace the current working analysis. Wait for every stage to finish.
8. Review the detected tempo, lyric placement, and items marked **Needs a check**.
9. On **Lyrics**, correct words, line breaks, and section names. Do not approve timing you have not listened to.
10. On **Colors**, optionally assign singer or section colors.
11. On **Finish**, review the result and select **Save Song**.

Test it

1. Open the saved song and play **Tracks** from the beginning.
2. Confirm the first lyric arrives at the right time.
3. Jump to the middle and final section. Confirm the displayed section and lyric line remain synchronized.
4. Open **Track Mix** and test mute, solo, levels, and routing for every stem.

You are done when

- Playback starts and stops reliably.
- Every stem begins together and remains synchronized.
- Lyric lines and section changes follow the recording.
- The saved mix is usable offline.

If the song still says Download

Confirm the download completed, that enough local storage is available, and that the selected file or stem ZIP still exists. Remove the incomplete local sample and download it again if necessary.

Next

Use **Guide 3 — Lyrics + Manual Timeline + Cues** for songs without recorded playback, or continue to Guide 4 when you want advanced performance automation.