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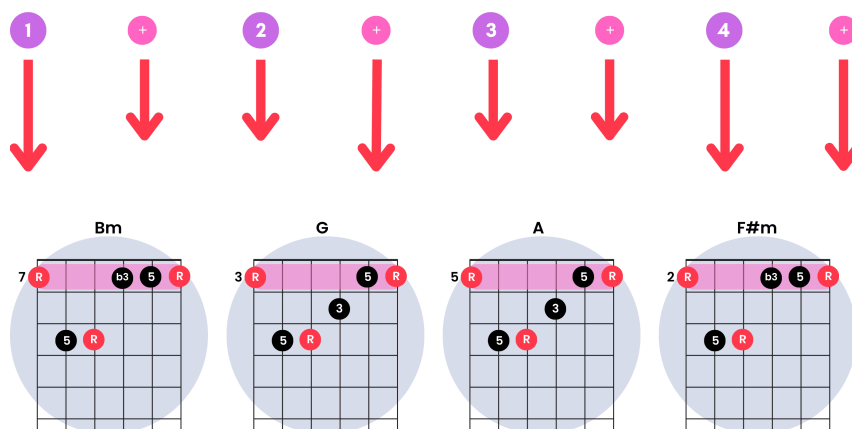
## The A Shape Chord

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## The Chorus & Bridge

The chorus features four chord changes, each lasting one bar. It also switches to an all downstroke strumming pattern with accents on the '1', '2+' and '4'. This rhythm pattern and chords look like this



This shift to a all downstroke pattern really changes the dynamics of the track. The energy is massive in comparison to the previous section, where there was a lot more space. Notice how this impacts the pulse of the track, and how good a songwriting tool this is.

## The chord chart...

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We are now in the final segment of our epic barre chord study, and our main focus is the A shape. This means that by the end of this course you will have all 4 main barre chord shapes added to your arsenal and will be ready to move onto the next level!

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So let's take a look at the whole chord chart, and how it pans out in the song from a more birds-eye view. The only other section you will notice in the chord chart is the bridge, which has very similar chords to the chorus, but we're only playing the chords once per bar. This again changes the dynamics, chilling out the whole track again! Let's look at that chart:

#### verse

| C D | (D) | C D Em | (Em) | (x6)

#### chorus

| Bm | C | A | F#m | (x4)

#### verse

| C D | (D) | C D Em | (Em) | (x6)

#### bridge

| Bm | C | A | F#m | (x2)

#### chorus

| Bm | C | A | F#m | (x4)

#### outro

| C D | (D) |



And there we have it! Be sure to use the interactive tab to work through the track if

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