

ToneBook User Manual

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Introduction

ToneBook is a comprehensive web-based application designed for worship leaders and musicians. It helps you organize songs, transpose chords, and enhance live performance experiences with features like:

- Song management with folder organization
- Chord transposition and Nashville Number System
- Performance Mode with metronome
- Live Mode with automatic section advancement
- Mobile-responsive design for tablets and phones

Getting Started

Web Version

1. Visit: <https://dach2591-hue.github.io/ToneBook/>
2. The app runs entirely in your browser

3. No installation required
4. Works on desktop, tablet, and mobile

Mac Desktop App

1. Download `ToneBook-Mac-v10.10.app.zip`
2. Extract the ZIP file
3. Drag `ToneBook.app` to your Applications folder
4. Double-click to open
5. If prompted about security, go to System Preferences → Security & Privacy → Open Anyway

First Time Setup

1. Create your first song:

- Click "New Song" button
- Enter title, key, BPM, and time signature
- Add chords and lyrics using the format: [Am] for chords

2. Import existing songs:

- Click hamburger menu (■)
- Select "Import Songs"
- Choose your JSON file

Main Features

Song Format

ToneBook uses a simple text format for songs:

```
[Intro x2]
//8 measures
[Am] [F] [C] [G]

[Verse 1]
[C]Amazing [G]grace how [Am]sweet the [F]sound
[C]That saved a [G]wretch like [C]me

[Chorus]
[F]How great [C]is our [G]God
```

Key elements:

- [ChordName] - Chords
- [Section Name] - Section headers (Intro, Verse, Chorus, etc.)

- //8 measures - Measure counts for Live Mode
- x2 - Repeat indicators

Supported Sections

- Intro
- Verse (Verso in Spanish)
- Chorus (Coro in Spanish)
- Bridge (Puente in Spanish)
- Outro
- Pre-Chorus
- Instrumental
- Interlude
- Solo

Song Management

Creating Songs

1. Click "**New Song**" button
2. Fill in:
 - **Title:** Song name
 - **Key:** Original key (e.g., C, Db, G#)
 - **BPM:** Tempo (optional)
 - **Time Signature:** e.g., 4/4, 3/4, 6/8 (optional)
3. Enter **Lyrics & Chords** in the text area
4. Click "**Save**"

Organizing Songs

Pinning Songs (Creating Setlists):

1. Click the ■ pin icon next to any song
2. Pinned songs appear at the top
3. Reorder pinned songs:
 - **Desktop:** Drag using the ≡ handle
 - **Mobile/Tablet:** Use ↑↓ arrow buttons

Folders (Coming Soon):

- Currently, use song titles with prefixes
- Example: "Sunday-01-Amazing Grace"

Editing Songs

1. Click on a song to view it
2. Click "**Edit**" button
3. Make changes
4. Click "**Save**"

Deleting Songs

1. Click on a song
2. Click "**Delete**" button
3. Confirm deletion

Import/Export

Export:

1. Click hamburger menu (■)
2. Select "Export Songs"
3. JSON file downloads with all your songs

Import:

1. Click hamburger menu (■)
2. Select "Import Songs"
3. Choose JSON file
4. Songs merge with existing (duplicates skipped)

Performance Mode

Performance Mode displays your song in a clean, readable format for performance.

Entering Performance Mode

1. Open any song
2. Click "**Performance**" button
3. Screen shows song with controls

Performance Mode Features

Auto-Hide Menu (5 seconds)

- Menu disappears after 5 seconds
- **Info bar appears** at top with:
 - Song title (left)
 - Key, Tempo, Time (right)
 - Metronome (below title when active)
- Tap anywhere to show menu again

Display Modes

Show Chords (default):

[C]Amazing [G]grace

Lyrics Only:

Amazing grace

Show Numbers (Nashville):

[1]Amazing [5]grace

Transpose

- Click - to transpose down
- Click + to transpose up
- Display shows: "Original: C, Current: D"
- Chords update automatically
- Respects key signature (flats in flat keys, sharps in sharp keys)

Metronome

1. Click "**Play**" to start metronome
2. Visual beats show (●●■■)
3. Audio click (can mute with ■)
4. Adjust BPM with - / + buttons
5. When menu hidden, metronome appears below song title

Column Layout

- Toggle between **1 column** and **2 columns**
- 2 columns useful for shorter songs

- Automatic balancing

Font Size

- Click - to decrease
- Click + to increase
- Range: 50% to 200%

Navigation Between Songs

When songs are pinned:

- **Prev** - Previous song in setlist
- **1/5** - Current position
- **Next** - Next song in setlist
- Stays in Performance Mode when changing songs

Live Mode

Live Mode provides automatic section advancement, perfect for complex songs with multiple sections.

Setting Up for Live Mode

Format your song with sections:

```
[Intro x2]
//16 measures
[C] [G] [Am] [F]

[Verse 1]
//8 measures
[C]Amazing [G]grace...

[Chorus]
//8 measures
[F]How great [C]is our [G]God
```

Required:

- Section headers: [Intro], [Verse 1], etc.
- Measure counts: //8 measures, //16 measures

Optional:

- Repeat indicators: x2, x3

Entering Live Mode

1. Enter Performance Mode first
2. Click "**LIVE**" button (red with pulse)
3. Live Mode activates

Live Mode Features

Header (When Stopped)

- **Song title** and info
- **Font controls** (- / +)
- **Metronome** toggle (■ ON/OFF)
- ■ 1/5 ■ - Navigate songs
- **Exit Live** - Return to Performance Mode

Auto-Hide Header (When Playing)

- Press ■ **Play**
- Header slides up and disappears
- Content fills entire screen
- Tap anywhere to show header temporarily

Section Display

Shows current section with:

- **Section name** (large, blue)
- **Measure count** "16 measures (8 × 2)"
- **Duration** "38s"
- **Chords and lyrics** (large font)
- **Next section** preview at bottom

Transport Controls (Floating)

When header visible:

- ■ - Previous section
- ■ or ▶ - Play/Pause
- ■ - Next section

Controls are centered and float above content.

Automatic Advancement

1. Press ■ **Play**
2. Section plays for calculated duration

3. Progress bar shows time remaining (green)
4. Automatically advances to next section
5. Stops at final section

Duration calculation:

- Based on: measures × repeat × time signature ÷ BPM
- Example: 8 measures × 2 repeats × 4/4 ÷ 120 BPM = 32 seconds

Metronome in Live Mode

- Visual beats during playback (●●■■)
- Synced with BPM
- Can mute audio with ■

Tips & Best Practices

Song Entry

Use consistent section names:

- ■ [Verse 1], [Verse 2]
- ■ [Chorus]
- ■ [Bridge]
- ■ [V1], [verse 1], [VERSE ONE]

Chord notation:

- ■ [C], [Am], [Gmaj7]
- ■ [Db], [C#]
- ■ C, Am (without brackets)

Measure lines for Live Mode:

```
[Intro]  
//8 measures
```

Always put measure line right after section header.

Creating Setlists

1. Pin songs in order:

- Click ■ on each song
- They appear at top in order

2. Reorder as needed:

- Desktop: Drag with =
- Mobile: Use ↑↓ arrows

3. During service:

- Open first song → Performance Mode
- Use ■ Next to move through setlist
- Never leave Performance Mode

Transposition

Tips:

- Db and C# are equivalent (choose based on key signature)
- Flat keys: F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb
- Sharp keys: G, D, A, E, B, F#, C#
- ToneBook automatically uses correct notation

Example:

- Song in Db (flat key)
- Chords: Db, Ebm, Gb
- Transpose +1 → D (sharp key)
- Chords become: D, Em, G

Performance Workflow

Typical service flow:

1. Before service:

- Create/update songs
- Pin songs in setlist order
- Check keys and BPM

2. During service:

- Open first song
- Enter Performance Mode
- Menu auto-hides after 5s
- Info bar stays visible (title, key, tempo)
- Use ■ Next between songs
- Enter Live Mode for complex songs

3. Using Live Mode:

- Press Play when ready

- Header disappears (full screen)
- Sections auto-advance
- Tap screen to show controls if needed
- Use ■ to skip sections manually

Mobile/Tablet Usage

iPad/Tablet (landscape):

- Best for worship leading
- Larger font sizes
- All features available
- Use stand or holder

iPhone/Mobile (portrait):

- Good for practice
- Compact controls
- Smaller screen = less visible from distance

Troubleshooting

Songs Not Saving

Problem: Changes don't persist

Solution: Check browser storage settings, don't use private/incognito mode

Chords Not Transposing

Problem: Chords don't change when transposing

Solution: Make sure chords are in brackets: [Am] not Am

Live Mode Not Working

Problem: Sections don't show

Solution:

- Check section format: [Intro] or [Verse 1]
- Add measure counts: //8 measures

Metronome Not Playing

Problem: No sound from metronome

Solution:

- Check device volume
- Make sure not muted (■ → ■)
- Some browsers require user interaction first

Menu Not Hiding

Problem: Menu stays visible in Performance Mode

Solution:

- Wait 5 seconds without interaction
- Tap screen to manually toggle

App Not Loading on Mac

Problem: "App is damaged" message

Solution:

1. Right-click app → Open
2. Or: System Preferences → Security & Privacy → Open Anyway
3. Or: Terminal: `xattr -cr /path/to/ToneBook.app`

Import Failed

Problem: JSON import doesn't work

Solution:

- Make sure file is valid JSON
- Export from ToneBook creates correct format
- Check file isn't corrupted

Reordering Songs Not Working

Problem: Can't reorder pinned songs

Solution:

- **Desktop:** Use ≡ drag handle
- **Mobile/Tablet:** Use ↑↓ arrow buttons
- Make sure songs are pinned first

Keyboard Shortcuts

Coming in future versions

Data Management

Local Storage

- All data stored in browser's local storage
- Persists between sessions
- Specific to browser/device
- Not synced across devices

Backup Strategy

Important: Always backup your songs!

1. Export regularly:

- Weekly exports recommended
- Before important services
- After adding many songs

2. Save exports:

- Cloud storage (Google Drive, Dropbox)
- Multiple locations
- Version-dated filenames

3. Test imports:

- Verify exports work
- Test on different devices

System Requirements

Web Version

- **Browser:** Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge (latest versions)
- **Storage:** ~5-10 MB for 100 songs
- **Internet:** Only for initial load (then works offline)

Mac App

- **OS:** macOS 10.13 or later
- **RAM:** 100 MB
- **Storage:** 50 MB

Support & Feedback

Questions or issues?

- Check this manual first
- Review troubleshooting section
- Contact: [your contact info]

Feature requests?

- We'd love to hear your ideas!
- Submit via: [feedback method]

Version History

v10.10 (January 2026)

- New centered header bar in Performance Mode
- Improved mobile responsiveness
- Fixed header overlap issues
- Enhanced metronome integration

v10.9 (January 2026)

- Church service testing fixes
- Added Prev/Next navigation in Live Mode
- Fixed Db vs C# display
- Mobile song reordering

v10.8 (January 2026)

- Mobile sidebar improvements
- Font controls fixes
- Two-column balancing

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