

## vanBasco Karaoke Player

Here are some instructions that worked for me (using a PC, not a Mac) and that others have used successfully. I cannot guarantee these instructions will work for all, and accept no responsibility for any outcome that results from following them.

It sounds complicated but it really isn't.

### To download it:

1. Go to this page: <http://www.vanbasco.com/karaokeplayer/>
2. Click Download
3. Don't bother entering your email address, but click Download again
4. It may or may not offer you the choice of where you want to download it. If offered the choice, make a choice (e.g. desktop).
5. When it has downloaded, go to it. If you have chosen to download it to your desktop, just look for the icon on your desktop. If you can't find it, go to Start and enter vkaraoke in the Search box. In the display window, right click on the word vkaraoke, then left click on Properties. Look in Location and that's where it is!
6. Doubleclick on the icon or the word 'vkaraoke' and follow the instructions.
7. When you get to the window about default players, don't uncheck the boxes if you want to use this as your computer's default midi player. If you want to use something else as your default player, e.g. Windows Media Player, do uncheck them. For ref, I have not unchecked the boxes.
8. The first time I finished the sequence it rejected the application, so I clicked Cancel. It then asked if I wanted to run it as an Administrator. I said yes, and quickly ran through the windows again and it accepted it. This may or may not happen to you.

### To use it with midi files you have already downloaded onto your computer:

1. Go to the file.
2. Open it.
3. You may just get the main panel (with VANBASCO'S KARAOKE PLAYER in the top bar), or you may get a whole load of windows. For our purposes, we just need the main panel and the Control panel. If you only get the main panel, click the icon next to CONTROL (at the bottom). If you get loads of windows, close all other panels except for the Control panel (the one with the Tempo slider on the left).
4. Use the controls in the main panel as you would with any media player (note that there is a horizontal slider near the bottom, so you can stop and go back to bits you need to go over again). Use the vertical Tempo slider in the CONTROL panel to go faster or slower.

If you haven't downloaded the practice files onto your computer but usually access them from the website each time, you can do one of two things:

- i) Download them! If you aren't automatically offered the option of downloading the file when you click on a voice part, it will usually just be a case of right clicking on the voice part (instead of left clicking) and selecting Save target as.. Choose where you want to save it. If you want to change the name, do so. Then follow steps 1-4 above.
- ii) This is slightly more complicated, and whether or not the instructions work will depend on your operating system and other things – but this worked for me. Go to Control Panel and then Default programs. Select 'Associate a file type or protocol with a program'. You'll get a page with a list of file types on the left. Scroll down until you find the .midi suffix. Click it and select vkaraoke as your preferred option. Do the same for the .mid file. Whenever you open a midi link in Internet Explorer directly from the website, it should now automatically open the vanBasco Karaoke Player. Follow steps 3 and 4 above.