

Guide 1 of 4 — Lyrics + Section Cues

Start with readable lyrics and dependable section navigation

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Best first step

Use this goal when you want readable lyrics and one-tap section navigation without audio, measures, beats, or advanced automation. It is the simplest reliable setup and the best place to learn Cuevera.

Before you begin

- Have the song title, artist, and lyrics ready.
- Put each section name on its own line, such as **Intro:**, **Verse 1:**, or **Chorus:**.
- If the song is locked as **Performance Ready**, open it from **Songs** and click or tap the green **Performance Ready** status badge beside the title. Choose **Needs Work** or **In Progress**, then select **Save Status** to reactivate editing.

What a simple song looks like

Type each section name on its own line and end it with a colon. Put each chord in square brackets immediately before the word where the chord begins:

Intro:

Verse 1:

[G]The first lyric line goes [C]here

[G]The second lyric line ends on [D]four

Chorus:

[C]This is the main line of the [G]chorus

[D]This is the next chorus [G]line

Verse 2:

[G]The next verse starts [C]here

[G]Then it turns around on [D]four

Outro:

Use familiar headings such as **Intro**, **Verse 1**, **Chorus**, **Bridge**, and **Outro**. The blank lines make the song easier to read but are optional. Type a chord such as [G], [C], or [D] immediately before the word where the chord changes. Cuevera displays that chord with the lyric during performance. Chords are optional, and you can add measured timing later.

Look up a well-known song instead

1. Enter the correct title and artist on **Song**.
2. Continue to **Lyrics** and select **Lookup Lyrics**. Internet access is required for lookup.
3. Cuevera opens **Choose a Lyrics Version** when it finds matches. Compare the title, artist, type, version number, rating, and verification information.
4. For this first guide, choose **Use lyrics only**. Cuevera loads that version into the editor while keeping any existing chart. **Use lyrics + chords** is intended for rebuilding a chart from the selected version.
5. Review the words and section headings, correct anything that does not match the version you perform, then select **Save & Continue**. The lookup result is not committed to the song until you save it.

Prepare the song

1. Open **Songs**, choose **+ Add Song**, and enter the title and artist.
2. Under **What do you want to prepare?**, choose **Lyrics + section cues**.
3. Select **Save & Continue**.
4. On **Lyrics**, paste or type the lyrics. Add a heading for every section you want to reach during performance.
5. Review the section order. Fix missing or duplicate headings before continuing.
6. On **Colors**, optionally assign colors to singers, lines, or sections. You can continue without adding any. To name your usual vocal roles and choose their default colors, open **More** → **Display**, scroll to **Lyric Role Colors**, edit the role names, and select each color. These defaults save automatically on this device; songs keep the assigned role so each device can display its own preferred color.
7. On **Cues**, review the section buttons Cuevera created from the lyric headings. Add any section actions you need.
8. On **Finish**, review the song and select **Save Song**.

Set up and test a pedal (optional)

1. Turn on the AirTurn pedal, pair it in the device's **Bluetooth Settings**, and set the AirTurn to **Mode 3** (keyboard arrow keys).
2. In Cuevera, open **More** → **Pedal**.

3. Choose **2-Button (AirTurn BT-200)** or **4-Button (AirTurn BT-500 / Duo 500)**.
4. For a two-button pedal, assign the left and right buttons to **Previous Section** and **Next Section**. On a four-button pedal, Up and Down are already fixed to those section actions; assign Left and Right only if needed.
5. Select the **Live Test** box so it has focus, then press every pedal button. Confirm Cuevera displays the button and action you expected.
6. Open the song and use the pedal to move through every section. If Live Test works but the song does not move, confirm **More → Display → Make section navigation available** is enabled.

Test it

1. Open the song from **Songs**.
2. Tap each section name and confirm Cuevera moves to the correct lyrics.
3. Test every configured pedal action.
4. Tap the **single chevron** for **Compact View**. Tap the **double chevron** for **Focus View**, which shows only the title and artist by default. Tap the active chevron again to restore the previous controls.
5. To choose which controls remain in either collapsed layout, open **More → Display** and use the **Compact View** and **Focus View** sections.
6. Increase or decrease lyric size if needed, then rehearse the full song once.

You are done when

- Every lyric is readable.
- Every section has the right name and order.
- Every section button opens the correct place.
- Every configured pedal button fires the expected action.
- Compact View or Focus View leaves enough room for the lyrics while keeping the controls you need.
- The song behaves correctly without a backing track.

If Continue is unavailable

Return to **Lyrics** and add at least one section heading. Cuevera cannot create section cues from lyrics that have no labeled sections.

Next

Continue to **Guide 2 — Lyrics + Backing Track + Cues** when you want the lyrics to follow recorded audio automatically.