

# Common Chord Progressions

Here are some of the most popular chord progressions for songwriting. These are used in thousands of songs and are an amazing way to get started picking harmony for your lyrics.

1. **I - V - vi - IV**

5. **vi - IV - I - V**

2. **I - IV - V - IV**

6. **IV - iii - ii - I**

3. **I - vi - IV - V**

7. **ii - V - I - vi**

4. **ii - IV - I - V**

8. **I - vi - ii - V**

Looking for more fun? Here are four progressions with altered chords (outside of the key):

9. **I - III - IV - iv**

11. **I - iv - IV - V**

10. **I - IV - vi -  $\flat$  VI**

12. **I - II - IV - V**

Experiment with combining these in different ways to create all sorts of harmony:

