

JSongSheet

Create Edit Play



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1. Introduction

The Challenge

Guitar players and other musicians often need to quickly find chord and lyric sheets for popular songs.

The internet is a huge source of sheets. Most sheets found online are contributed by musicians who have uploaded their own interpretation of what they hear.

The downside of working with these sheets is they are often littered with mistakes.

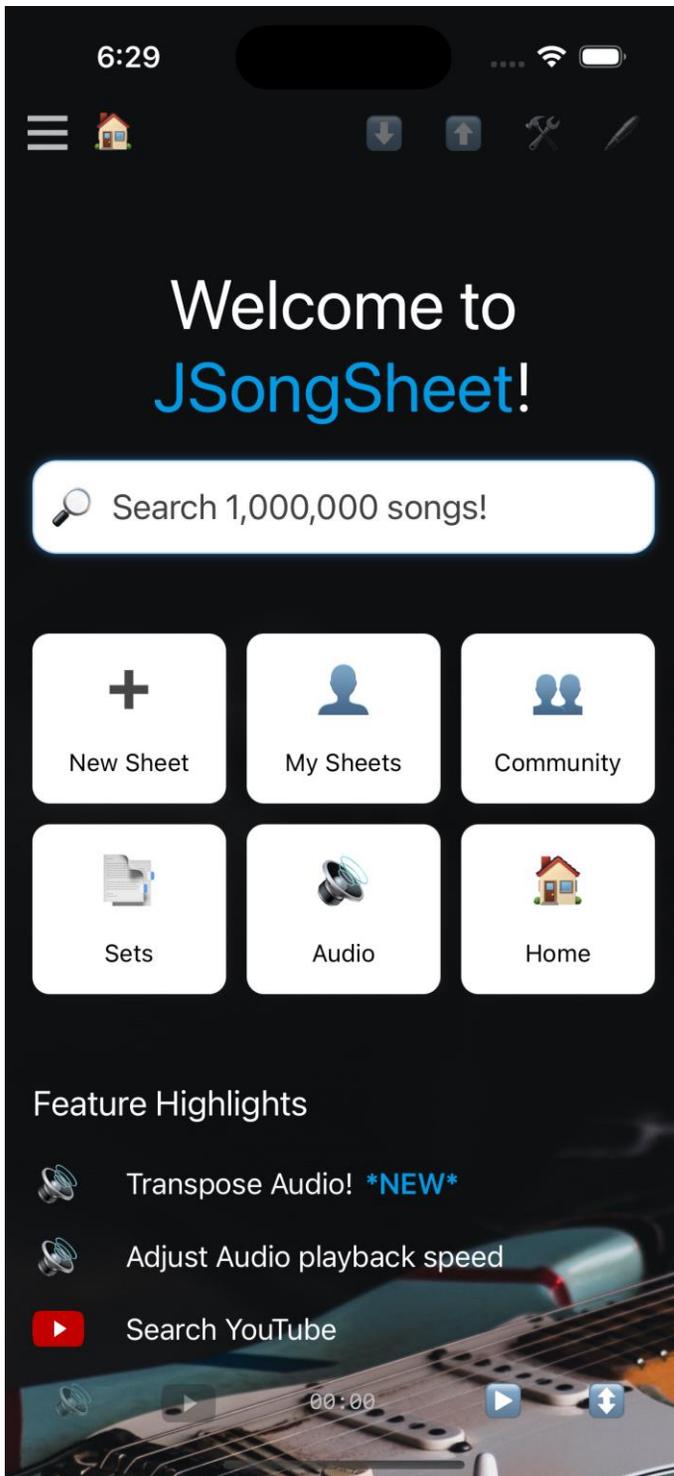
The upside is they can be a very good starting point to get your own sheet up and running, without having to start from scratch.

The Solution

JSongSheet has been designed with this in mind. It provides:

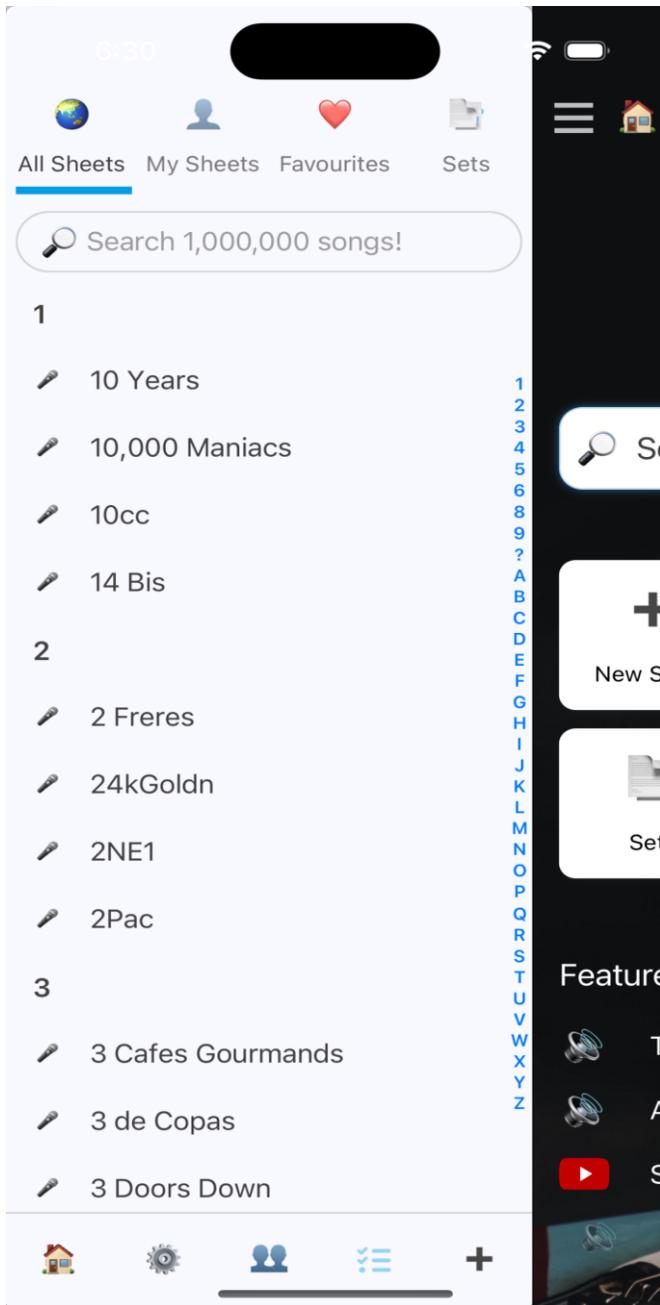
- Access to 1,000,000 sheets from the internet
- Editor to modify or correct sheets
- Other features:
 - Transpose
 - Play along with mp3s at your own speed and pitch
 - Manage personal library of sheets
 - Organise their sheets into Sets for performance
 - Auto scroll sheet when performing
 - Share sheets with bandmates

2. Home Page



- Screen presented on first launch
- Provides users with quick introduction to most used functions
- Functions as a help screen
 - Summarizes app features
 - Clicking buttons or labels shows how to find features

3. Menu Page



- Click ☰ or swipe from left to open Menu Page

- Shows 4 main sections

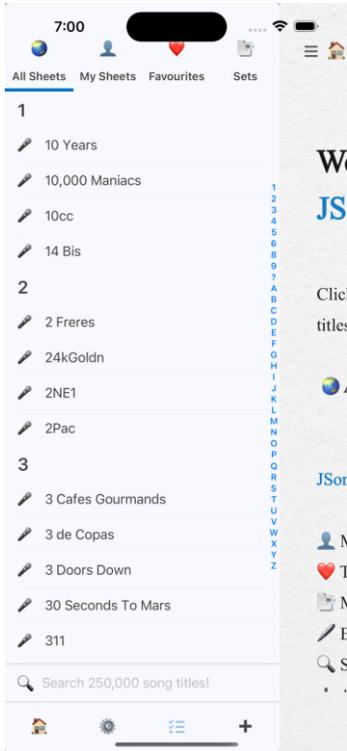
-  **All Sheets**
 - List of 1,000,000 artists and songs that can be used as search key words to find song sheets online

-  **My Sheets**
 - Sheets downloaded from the internet can be saved into your personal library

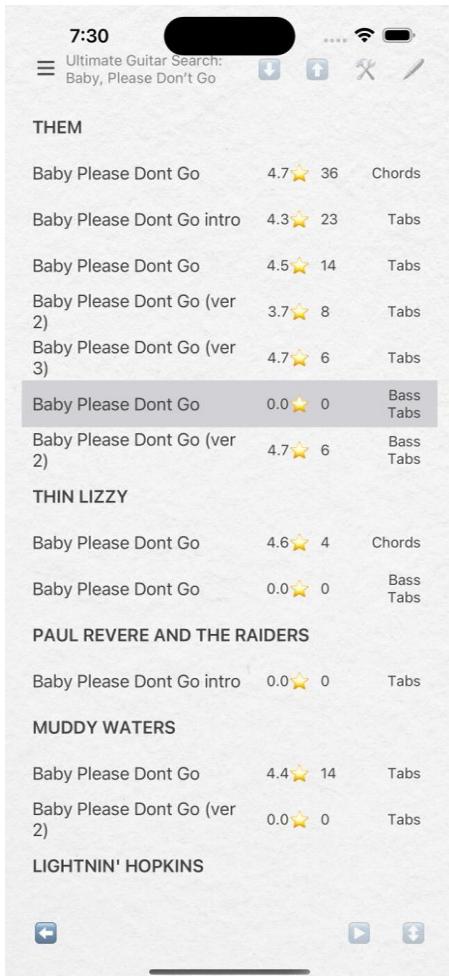
-  **Favourites**
 - Selected sheets in **My Sheets** can be tagged as **Favourites** that will appear in this list

-  **Sets**
 - Selected sheets in **My Sheets** can be organised into **Sets** that can be used for a particular performance. (Sets are often used by musicians who play live performances in, for example, pubs or bars.)

4. All Sheets



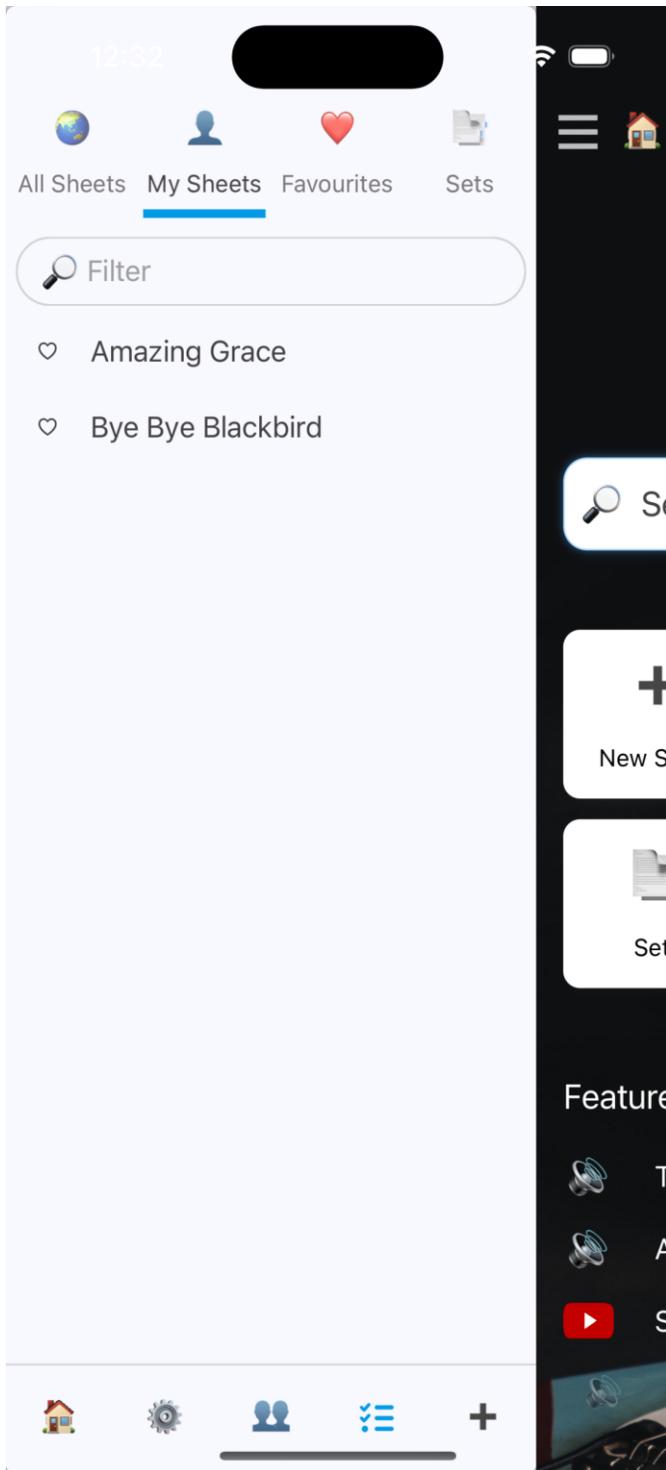
- Use the Search box to search over 1,000,000 artists or songs
- Click on an  Artist to display their associated  **Song**
- Click on a  **Song** to search www.ultimate-guitar.com



- Click on a search result to display a sheet
- Click   to save the sheet to **My Sheets**

Note: The free version of JSongSheet is limited to 10 saved sheets. To purchase unlimited, go to Settings 

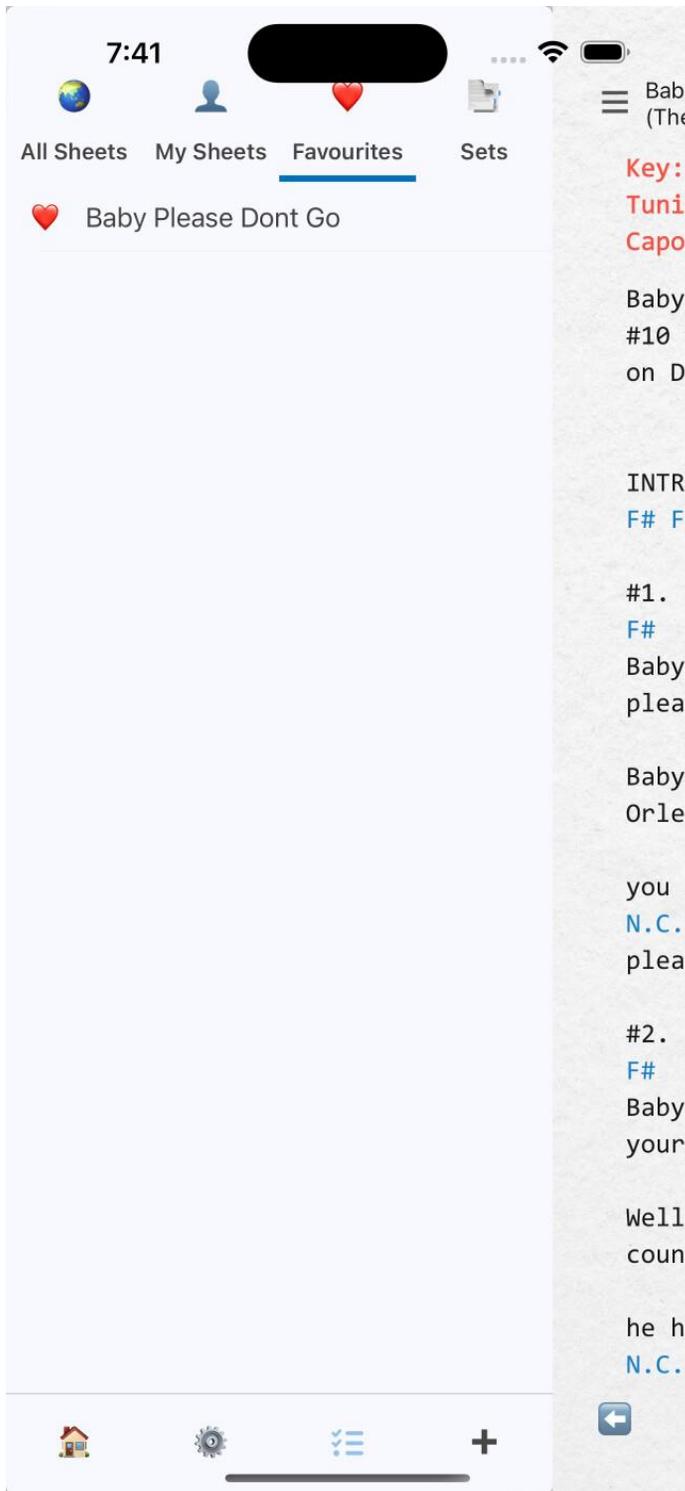
5. My Sheets



- Type into Filter box to quickly find a sheet
- Click ❤️ to add to **Favourites**
- Click on a 📄 Sheet to display it
- Click 🗑️ to delete or share a sheet
- Click ➕ to add a new sheet

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6. Favourites



- Click on  to remove from Favourites
- Click on sheet title to display sheet

7. Display Sheet

6:26

Bye Bye Blackbird
(Traditional)

Key: C
Tuning: E Standard
Capo: 0

VERSE 1

C A7
Pack up all my cares and woe,
Dm7 G7 C
Here I go singing low,
C C Dm7 G7
Bye Bye Black bird.
Dm Dm7
Where somebody waits for me
Dm7 G7
Sugar's sweet, so is she.
Dm7 G7 C7 C
Bye Bye Black bird.

VERSE 2

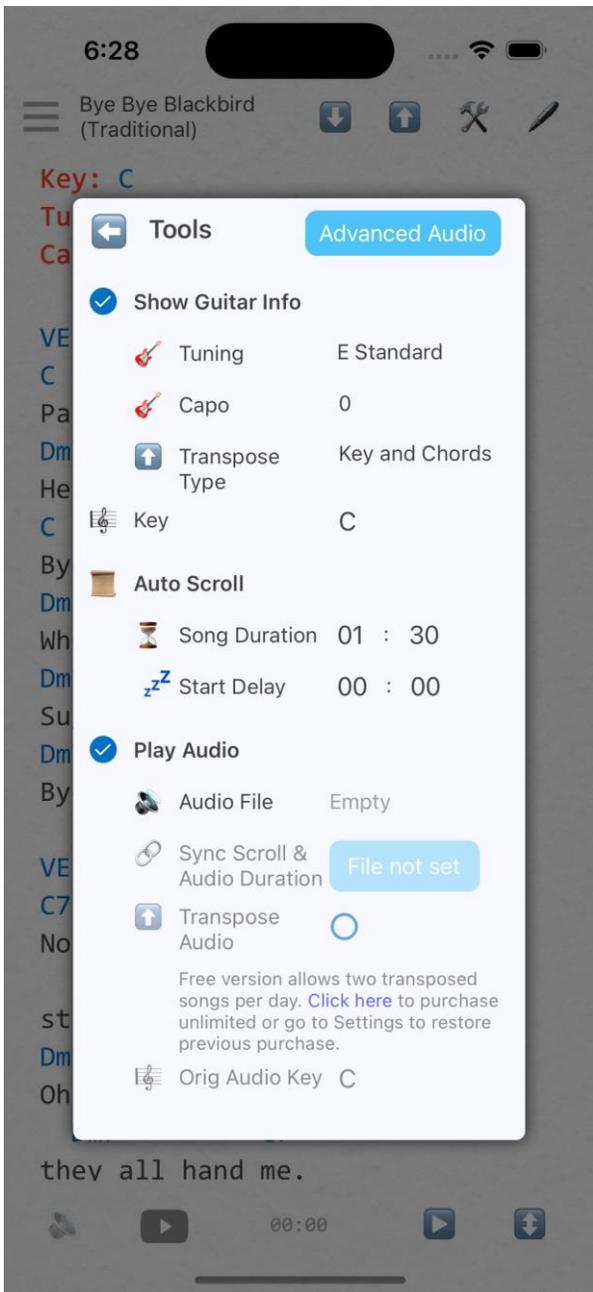
C7
No one here can love and under
A7
stand me,
Dm
Oh, what hard luck stories
Dm7 G7
they all hand me.

00:00

- Click   to transpose (change key of) the sheet
- Click  to access **Configure** Popup
- Click  to **Edit** the sheet
- Click  to either mute or unmute audio, or to quickly access audio settings

- Click  to search **YouTube** for this song/artist
- Click  to **Auto-scroll**
- Click  to display in **Full Screen** mode

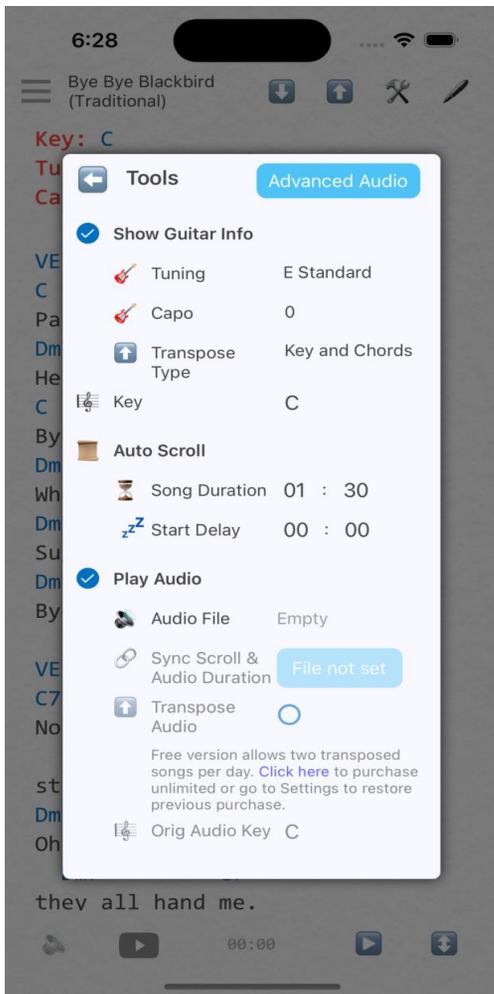
8.1 Configure Popup – Guitar Info



- **Show Guitar Info:**
Clicking this checkbox will ensure guitar info is displayed at the top of the sheet
- **Capo** is a tool clipped on to the neck of the guitar neck which changes key. The location is represented by the fret number that the capo is attached to
- Transposing a sheet will affect the sheet depending on the **Transpose Type** (see table below)

Transpose Types				
Transpose Type	Sheet Key	Sheet Chords	Capo Position	Use when:
Key and Chords	Changed	Changed	No Change	You want to change key but not move capo
Key and Capo	Changed	No Change	Changed	You want to change key but play the same chord shapes
Chords and Capo	No Change	Changed	Changed	You want to play the same key but with different chord shapes

8.2 Configure Popup – Auto Scroll



- **Song Duration** indicates total elapsed time from when the user clicks ▶ to auto-scroll, to when the scroll reaches the end of the sheet. It is inclusive of **Start Delay** time.
- **Start Delay** indicates how long the sheet will remain stationary after pressing ▶, before scrolling will begin
- **Start Delay** must always be less than **Song Duration**

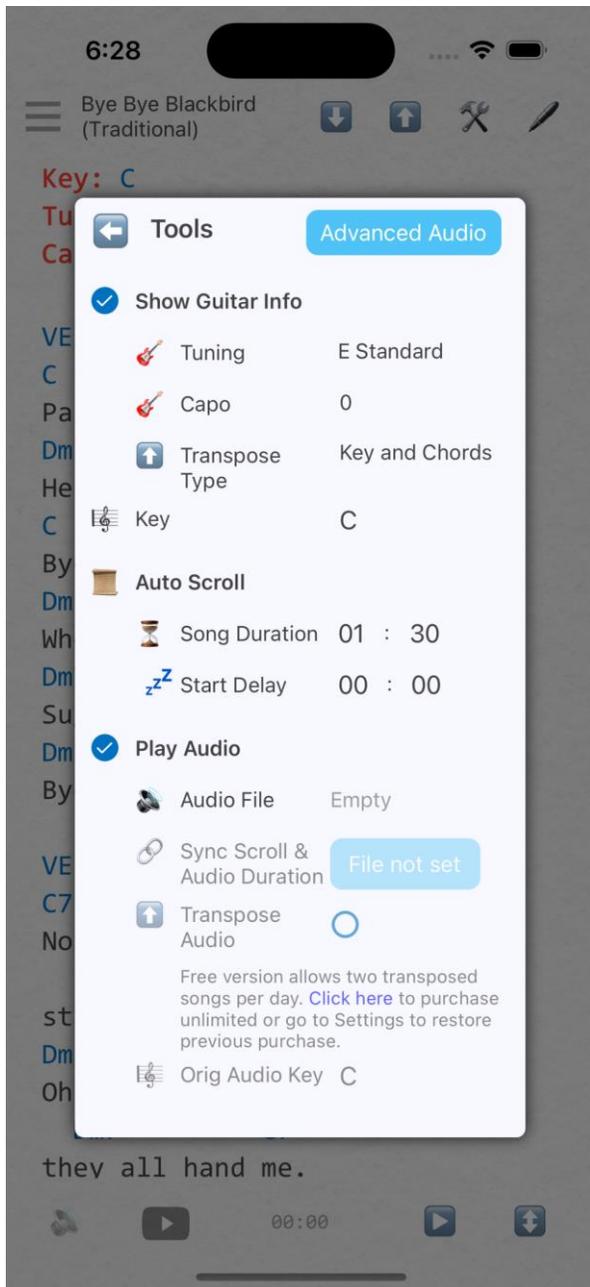
💡 Helpful Tip

It can sometimes be tricky to set the **Song Duration** so that the visible sheet and the progress of the mp3 are coordinated.

For best results:

1. Find out how long the mp3 is from the start of its performance to the end and set this to **Song Duration**. The **Sync** button should help to automate this. You may also want to make the **Song Duration** around 10 secs shorter than the mp3 as you will usually want the scrolling to end before the mp3 ends
2. Set **Start Delay** by starting to play the song and timing how long it takes before you need the scroll to begin
3. Ensure the sheet content is evenly laid out in a vertical and time-wise sense. For example, if your verse with chords and lyrics is 10 lines, make sure that an instrumental section which has the same duration, also occupies 10 lines
4. To quickly check if your scrolling and audio are in sync:
 - 4.1 Go to **Advanced Audio**
 - 4.2 Set the **Audio Playback Speed** to **200%**
 - 4.3 Play the song/sheet from start to end and you will quickly be able to see if the audio and scrolling are in sync

8.3 Configure Popup – Play Audio

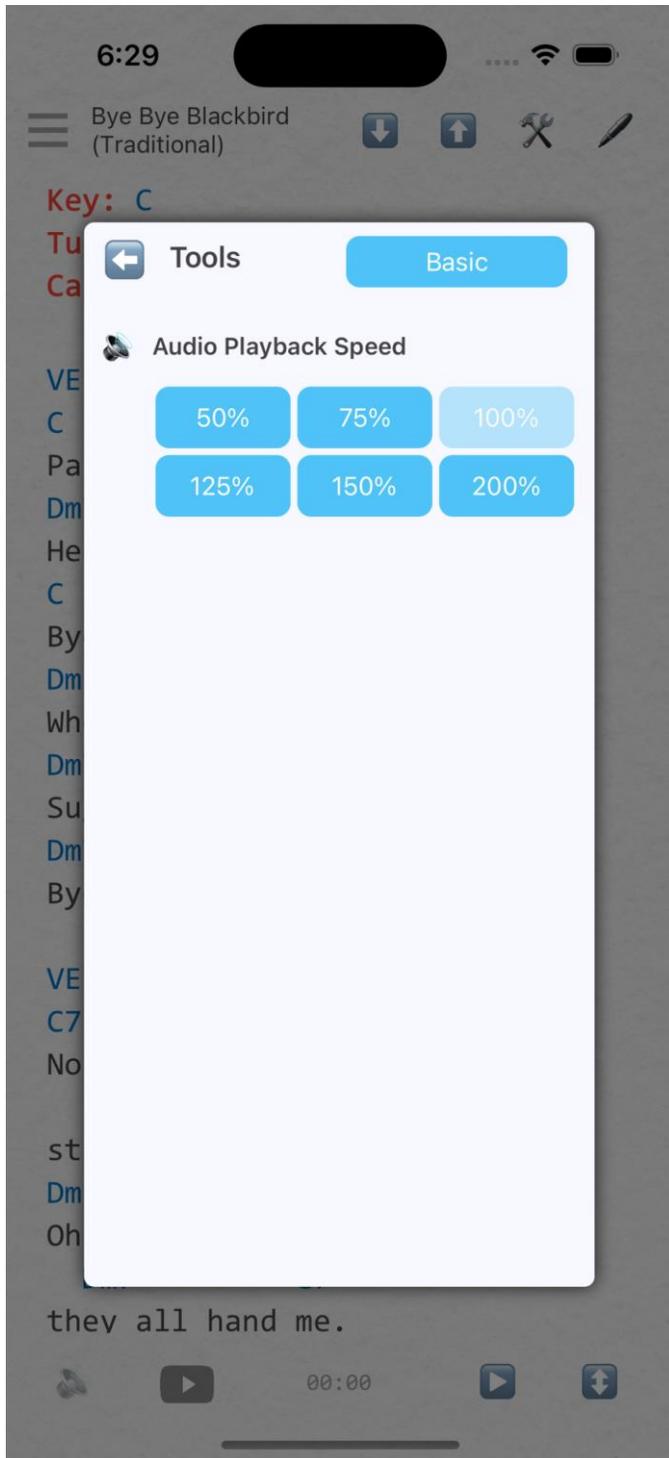


- **Play Audio** allows audio to be configured and played. Uncheck to mute audio
- **Audio File** allows mp3 to be selected from device
- **Sync Scroll and Audio Duration** auto syncs durations

- **Transpose Audio** allows audio pitch to be changed when sheet is transposed. Pitch shift is based on difference between **Orig Audio Key** (see below), and the sheet **Key**
- **Orig Audio Key** is the original key of the mp3 recording

Note: The free version of JSongSheet is limited to 2 transposed sheets per day. To purchase unlimited, go to Settings 

8.4 Configure Popup – Advanced Audio (Playback Speed)



- Access this page by clicking the **Advanced Audio** button at the top of the **Configure Popup**
- **Audio Playback Speed:** Click a % to adjust speed of audio playback

9.1 New / Edit Sheet - Editing

- Click on **+** to add a new sheet on the **Menu Page**. (This is not accessible when the **Sets** section is displayed)

8:06
New Sheet

Title Empty

Artist Empty

Transcribed By iPhone 14 Pro Max

Auto clear Auto alternate chords and lyrics

Enter chords and lyrics

Done

- Enter song name, artist...etc.
- Enter chords and lyrics
- Click on checkbox to indicate which lines contain chords
- **Auto clear:** When clicking on a checkbox, this and all **subsequent** checkboxes will be cleared
- **Auto alternate:** When clicking on a checkbox, this checkbox will be toggled and all **subsequent** checkboxes will alternate between on and off. (Note: Empty lines are always considered off)

Helpful Tip

When assigning chord lines with **Auto Alternate**, work from the top of the sheet to the bottom clicking checkboxes as you go, to assign and correct auto selections.

Working in this way, most sheets can have chord lines completely assigned within 4 or 5 clicks

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9.2 New / Edit Sheet - Saving

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New Sheet

Title Empty

Artist Empty

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Auto clear Auto alternate chords and lyrics

Enter chords and lyrics

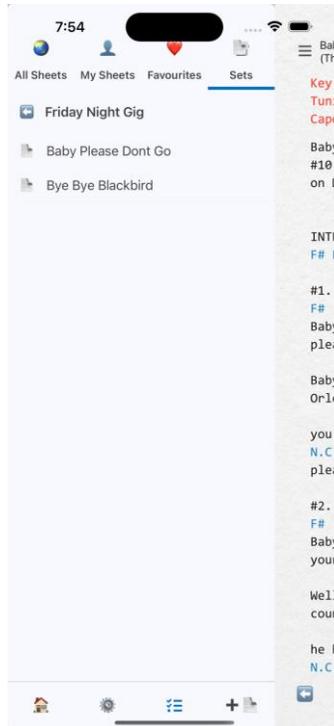
Done

- Click  to save the sheet
- When entering Chinese characters, clicking on  **Save** will ensure the sheet is identified as Chinese language, and the sheet will display Chinese font accordingly

10. Sets



- Open Menu Page
- Click   to add a new set
- Click  to delete, rename or share sets



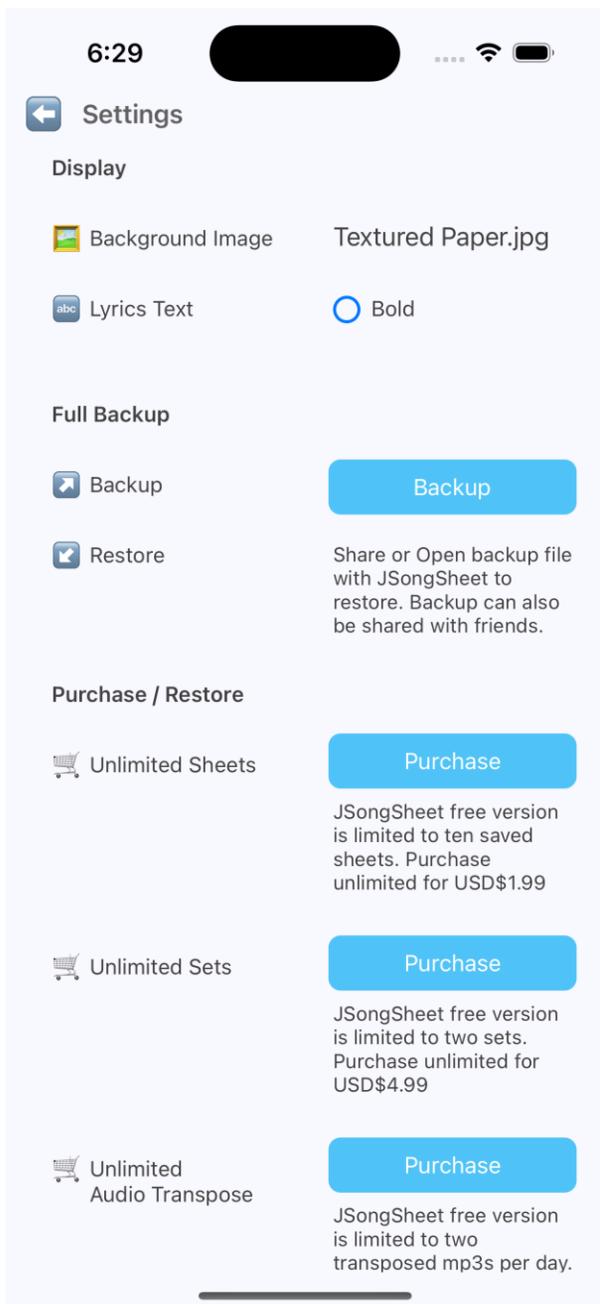
Click   to add a sheet to the set

- Click  to delete or reorder sheets
- Click  sheet to start the set

After starting the set, click  and  to cycle through set songs

Note: The free version of JSongSheet is limited to 2 sets only. To purchase unlimited, go to Settings 

11. Settings



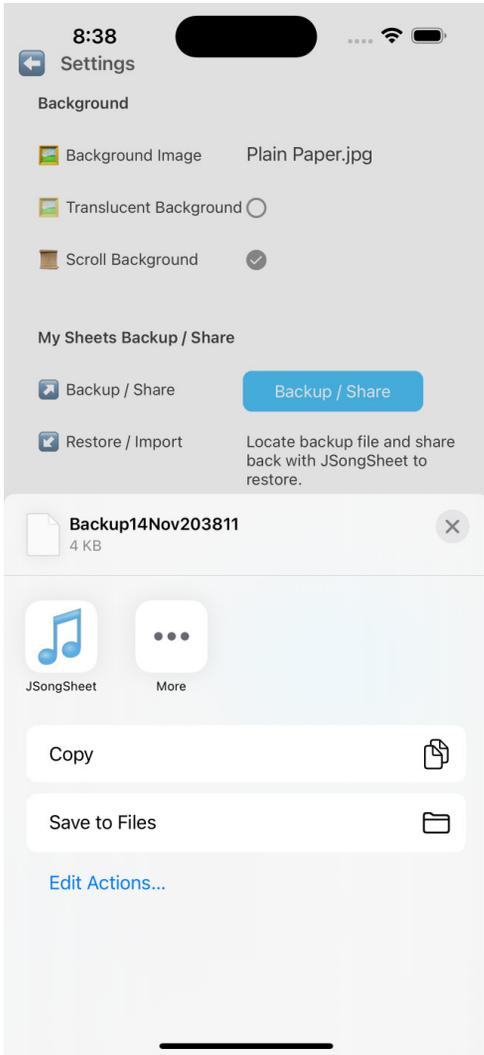
- Choose **Background Image** of displayed sheet

- Click **Backup / Share** to do a full backup of all:
 - My Sheets
 - Sets

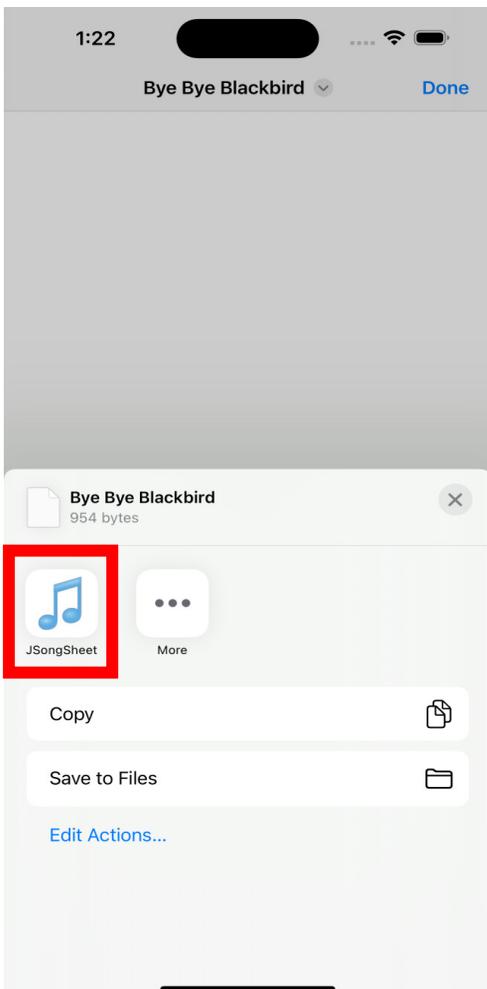
(Also see **Sharing** slide)

- **Purchase or Restore** purchases for:
 - Unlimited Sheets
 - Unlimited Sets
 - Unlimited Audio Transpose
- See on-screen descriptions to understand benefits of purchased features.

12. Sharing



- Items that can be shared are:
- User selected **Sheets**
 - See **My Sheets** slide
 - *.jsx file
- User selected **Sets**
 - See **Sets** slide
 - *.jset file
- All **My Sheets** and **Sets (Full Backup)** in the app
 - See **Settings** slide
 - *.jbak file
- Share files can be shared with WhatsApp, email, file manager, iPhone notes, or any similar app



- To receive a shared file, locate the file and **Open** or **Share with JSongSheet**

13. Looper

The screenshot shows the JSongSheet app interface for the song "Bye Bye Blackbird". At the top, there is a menu icon and the song title. Below that, the key signature is C, the tuning is E Standard, and the capo is 0. The lyrics are displayed with guitar chords in blue text above them. The interface is divided into three sections: VERSE 1, VERSE 2, and a control panel at the bottom. The control panel includes tabs for Controls, Settings, and Advanced, a BPM display of 99, a large play/pause button, a bass control knob set to 2, and a progress bar. A red box highlights the tools icon (wrench and screwdriver) in the bottom navigation bar.

Bye Bye Blackbird

Key: C
Tuning: E Standard
Capo: 0

VERSE 1

C A7
Pack up all my cares and woe,
Dm7 G7 C
Here I go singing low,
C C Dm7 G7
Bye Bye Black bird.
Dm Dm7
Where somebody waits for me
Dm7 G7
Sugar's sweet, so is she.
Dm7 G7 C7 C
Bye Bye Black bird.

VERSE 2

C7
No one here can love and under
A7
stand me,
Dm Dm7
Oh, what hard luck stories they all

Controls Settings Advanced

Bpm: 99

Bass

long press to stop

playing Today: 12 min playback remaining. Click for [unlimited](#)

00:00

To open the Looper, open the **Tools** menu  and click the Looper  button.

When prompted, allow **JSongSheet** to access your microphone.

13. Looper - Controls

Distortion Button*

Adds distortion. When turned on or off during playback, change will be applied at next loop cycle.

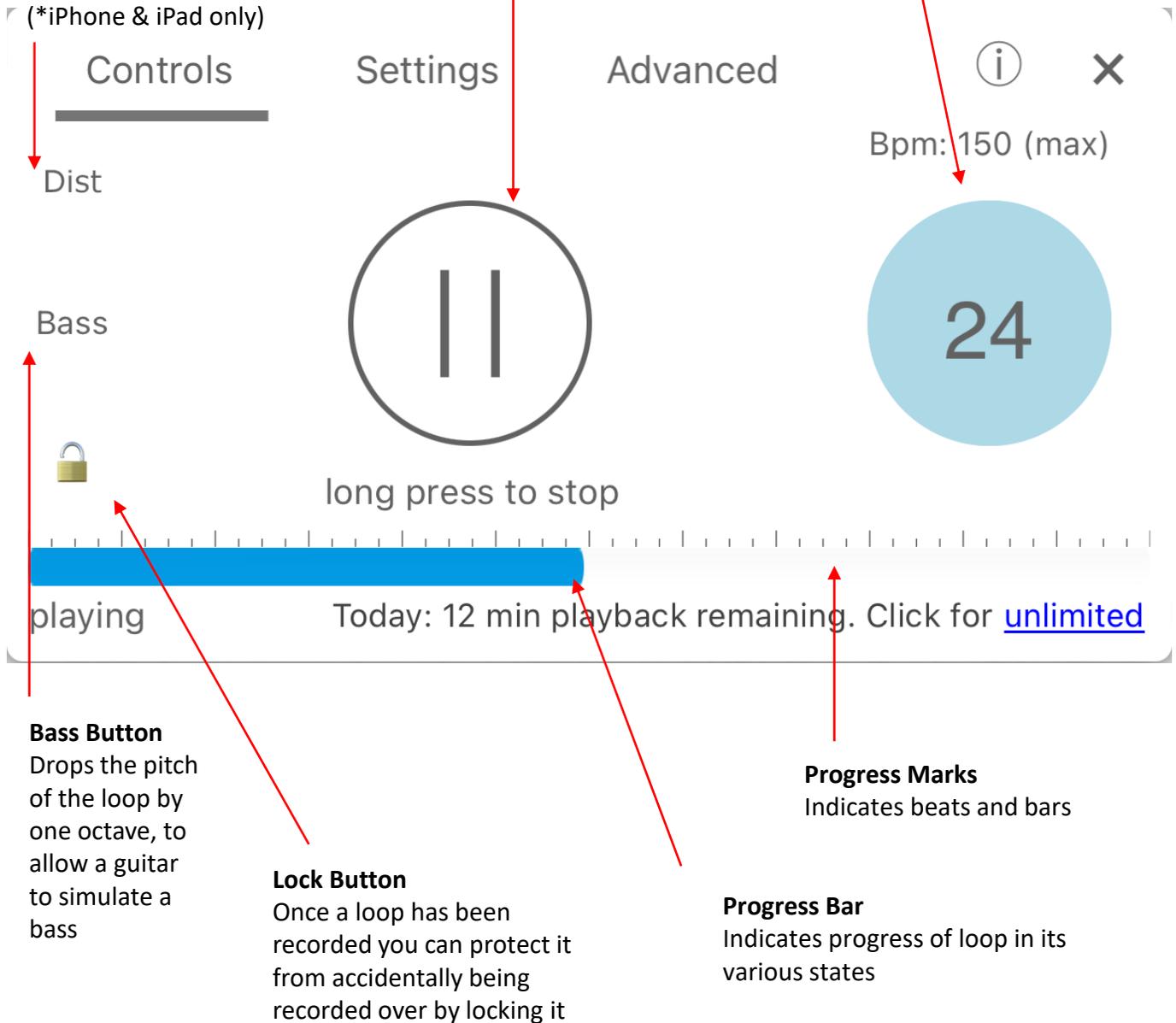
(*iPhone & iPad only)

Play/Pause/Stop Button

Changes between play, pause or stop depending on state of the looper

Tap Button

Start the loop recording by tapping out a beat



Recording a Loop

Click the **Tap Button** at least once. Once a beat has been established, recording will start automatically.

Saving a Loop

Each sheet, including the Home Page, has a single loop associated with it.

The loop is autosaved, and auto-reloaded when the sheet is opened.

Note that loop recordings are not yet included in Backups and shared sheets. This feature will be added soon.

Note

The free version of **JSongSheet** limits loop playback to 15 min per day. Click the [unlimited](#) link at the bottom of the looper, or go to the **Settings Page**  to purchase unlimited looping.

13.2 Looper - States

Loop State	Triggered by	Description
Ready		Waiting to record
Countdown	Tap button	Counts down to recording. Start count is either 8, 4 or 2, depending on BPM
Recording	Auto starts after countdown	Loop is recording
Playing	Auto starts after recording	Loop is playing back
Fading	Play/Pause/Stop button	Clicking Pause will cause the loop to pause once the current loop is complete. The playback volume will gradually fade off to zero.
Paused		The loop will silently continue to run allowing you to end your song, or continue playing and fade it back in, in time, if desired.
Resuming	Play/Pause/Stop button	Clicking Play when the loop is paused will fade the loop back in. Full volume will be reached once the loop returns to the loop start point again.
Stopped	Play/Pause/Stop button (pressed or long pressed)	Stopping the loop will cause the loop to stop completely. It can be restarted again by clicking the Play button.

13.3 Looper – Settings

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' tab of the Looper interface. It features three main settings: 'Beats' (4), 'Bars' (12), and 'Beats per Loop' (48). A BPM dial is set to 41. Below the settings are buttons for decreasing ('-'), increasing ('+'), and 'Resync to Audio'. A progress bar at the bottom indicates 'playing' and 'Today: 12 min playback remaining. Click for [unlimited](#)'.

Beats and Bars

Set the number of **Beats** per bar and **Bars** per Loop.

For example, for a standard 12 bar blues, you would set:

- Beats = 4
- Bars = 12

These settings will also be reflected in the **Progress Marks** above the **Progress Bar**

Resync to Audio

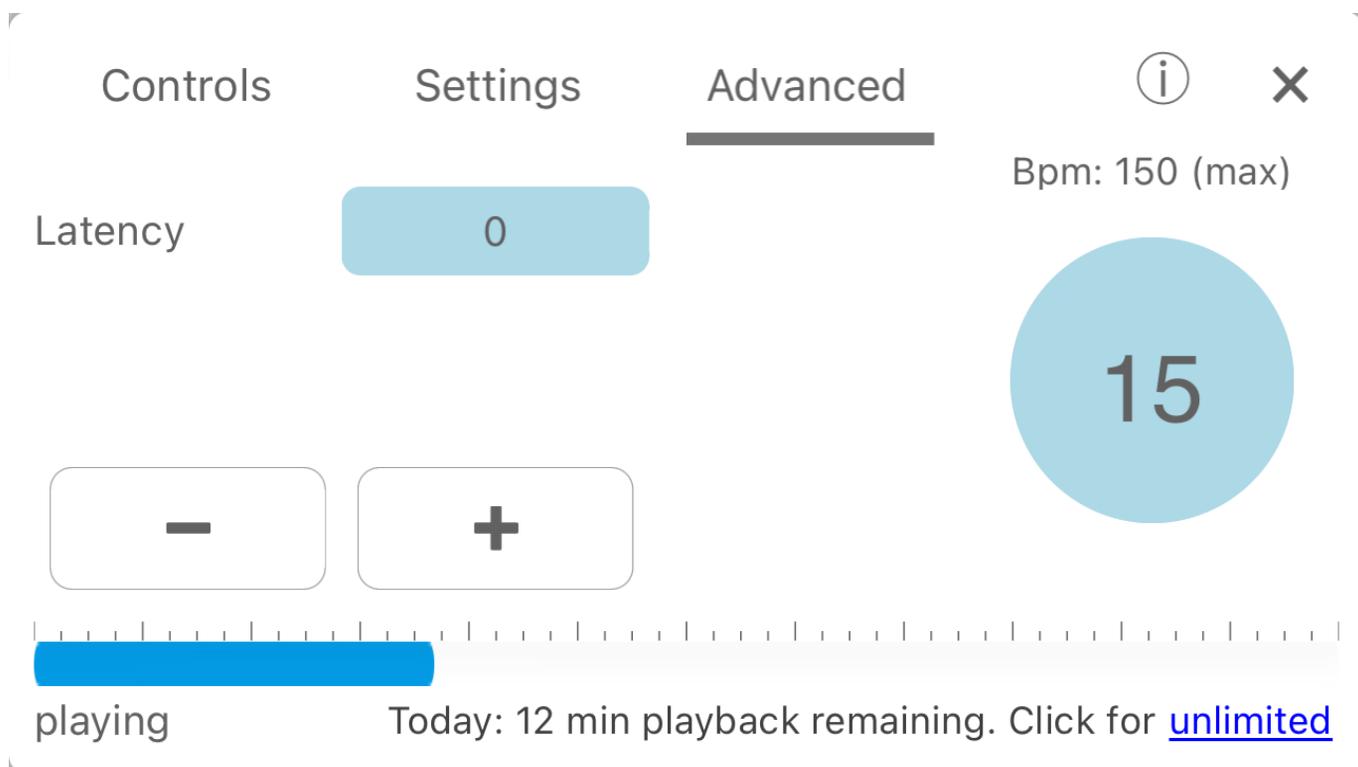
A loop is recorded to the Beats and Bars you have set.

If you change these values after the loop is recorded, the values will change to orange to remind you they differ from the recorded loop.

Click the **Resync to Audio** button to resync them back to the recorded loop, or tap out another rhythm to record a new loop with the new settings.

13.4 Looper – Advanced*

*Android only



Latency Correction

You may notice the beats of your loop are not synchronised with the **Progress Bar** and the **Progress Marks**.

This is likely due to the hardware or software latency inherent in your device.

Set the **Latency** correction value in milliseconds to correct this. The more the loop is out of sync, the higher the **Latency** correction number should be.

Restart or re-record the loop for this setting to take effect.

14. Contact Us

- To contact us, or for latest updates and information, visit:
 - <https://jsongsheet.com>

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