

Recording Tips

Click [here](#) for the official Magical Symphony music video, this is what you should record yourself to! Click [here](#) for a lyric video that will hopefully help with lyrics.

Special notes for this song:

1. In the official lyrics the intro is written as "And don't act like you quite don't know what I mean / 'Cause everybody's time is our time", while in the actual song the lyrics are "And don't act like you don't know what I mean / Because every time is our time". Please go with the lyrics sung in the actual song.
2. At the end of verse one, the official lyrics are "Call me when I start it, come with symphony", while the song sounds like it says "symphonies" instead. Not a huge deal, but again please go with what's sung in the actual song(symphonies), for consistency's sake.

Thank you to u/BrigidAndair for pointing these out!

Follow these steps and save us all a lot of pain please. If you already know how to record your voice, skip ahead to step 6.

Step 1. Download [Audacity](#) (or open Garageband if you're on a Mac). If you don't have a phone or computer that has a microphone, borrow one. Ask nicely. More specifics on recording with Audacity [here](#) via /u/lbrahimT13. If you are already comfortable with another piece of audio software for recording, use that.

Step 2. Get some headphones and plug them in. We want to hear **ONLY YOUR VOICE**, not the song, too. If the headphones have a mic, make sure your input in the program is not set to that channel, as it's probably inferior to the mic of the computer or phone.

Step 3. Cue up Magical Symphony on either Itunes/Spotify or **THIS LINK (will update with Youtube link)** in your browser.

Step 4. Put those headphones in your ears, hit record on the software, hit play on the song, then sing your heart out. Remember that kpop groups are multiple people. It is not possible to sing all of the lines in immediate order without losing breath or doubling up, so you will probably do multiple takes. asically, use common sense: **DON'T SING ON TOP OF YOURSELF**. It's alright if you send us multiple audio tracks! It's not alright if you record every single word individually and don't bother to combine them. That's super annoying!!!

Step 5. If you want to sing harmonies and adlibs (highly encouraged) please record those as **SEPARATE** files and include them in the email. **AGAIN, DON'T SING ON TOP OF YOURSELF.**

OPTIONAL: If you would like to sing a bit of Trouble? TRAVEL!, go ahead and start recording at [3:17 \(the final chorus\)](#).

Step 6. Save your masterpieces as a .wav (preferably in 48kHz), .m4a (preferably 320kbps), or .flac file and email that sucker to redditkpop101@gmail.com. If your files are too big (happens often) please zip them up and send us a download (via mega/mediafire, whatever) link. I know it's tempting, but we'd REALLY prefer you NOT share a google drive link, the permissions can get confusing. Several people weren't included on previous tracks because they never responded to my emails begging them to fix the permissions. Don't be that person, it makes me so sad.

If you found this stupid and confusing, [here](#) is a video tutorial. If you still have a question about the process, please get in touch. We will answer to the best of our abilities.

Some general recording tips. (Adapted from /u/llllllllll's post).

- **CRITICAL:** Try to minimize background noise as much as possible; close windows if they were open, turn off machines if they were on etc.
- If you love the idea of this project and want to contribute long-term, consider buying a little standalone USB microphone. The [Blue Yeti series](#) and the [Audio Technica AT2020USB+](#) are good and pretty popular. There are cheaper options on Amazon now, but I'm not familiar with them. The editing team will thank you (and probably use more of your vocals, how about that!). If you got some more money to burn and want to join the Taeyeon vocal tier, pair up a [condenser mic](#) with a [portable audio interface](#). You may be able to find a good deal used on eBay or Reverb.com (eBay for musicians, basically).

- Don't sing too close to your mic - it causes clipping/distortion.
- If you have the resources, consider **HAND-MAKING** a quick pop filter for your mic. It'll sound a zjillion times better and we thank you for it.
- Do **NOT** apply ANY effects or filters to your vocal track. The "pop filter" we're referring to above is made from a tissue. Send us the raw vocal file.
- For our lower voiced contributors, feel free to sing an octave down for as much as you want. Don't change the key, though. For the ladies or higher voiced singers, you may want to submit some parts up an octave.
- Higher notes are easier to sing if you sing confidently/loudly and with good breath support.
- If you have to go screamo or shouty to hit the notes (AND YOU PROBABLY WILL), back away from your microphone somewhat please, and keep an eye on the levels of your recording (you can always dial back the input gain). If you're super loud (like me!!) drop them a bit so your vocals aren't in the red end of the bar the whole time (or lowering input gain if you use a separate audio interface). It's easier to make quiet vocals louder, than louder vocals quieter. (I personally record the majority of my vocal takes from across my apartment on 50% mic volume and am still too loud).