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Hello pianists & teachers,

I'm so happy to share another chord chart with you! I use these charts with my own students and we have truly enjoyed learning about chords and improvisations while allowing students to play the songs that they are asking for!

I only write out the chorus for them and then usually they can figure out the verses on their own. I love allowing them to learn to listen carefully to their music to find chord changes- it's great practice!

Chord charts are often a great motivator because students can make a "big sound" right away! Encourage them to sing along with themselves to complete the "full-effect" of the sound. (I have had students refuse to sing. I have NEVER had a student refuse a kazoo!)

Happy playing!

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P.S. I'd love to hear from you!
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Because of You

D

Em

Because of you

C

D

I never stray too far from the sidewalk

Em

Because of you

C

D

I learned to play on the safe side so I don't get hurt

Em

Because of you

C

D

I find it hard to trust not only me,

but everyone around me

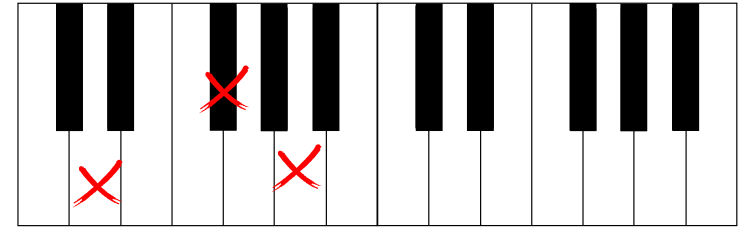
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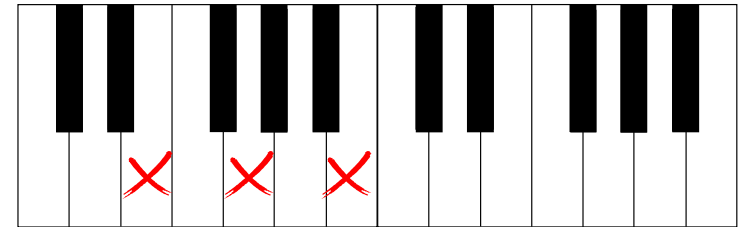
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Because of you I am afraid.

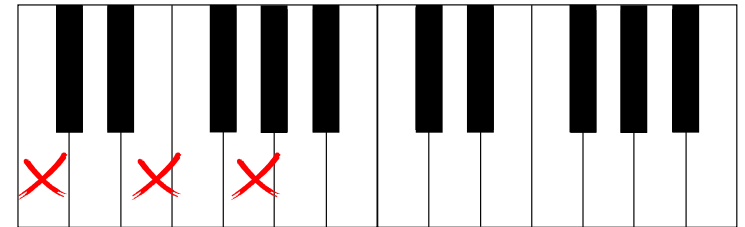
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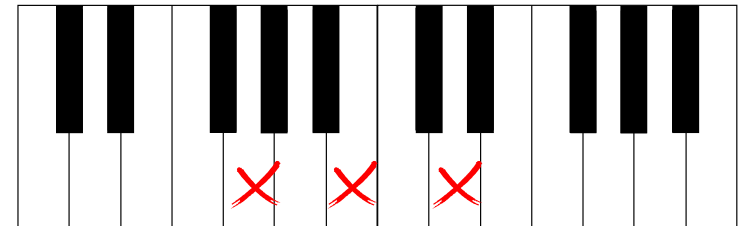
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Tips for teaching with chords



- Have students learn the chords with just the right hand in root position to start
- Once a student knows the chords, ask them to add "just the name of the chord" in the left hand
- De-mystify chords! Even young students can understand that chords are a group of notes that like to hang out together. When they understand that concept, they can be allowed to "re-arrange" the notes and play inversions of the chords.

Playing along with the
original recordings
is so fun!