

## **Downloading minus tracks from iTunes**

### **1. If you have iTunes, skip to 2. If you don't have iTunes, download it:**

- Go to [www.apple.com/itunes](http://www.apple.com/itunes).
- Look for a button that says "Download iTunes" and click it. It's usually on the right side, near the top of the page.
- The software works for both Macs and PCs. You may want to unclick the two boxes so you don't get email and software information from Apple. Click Download Now and download will begin.
- To learn more about iTunes, explore the website.

### **2. Open iTunes and go to the iTunes Store**

- It's listed on the left side of the iTunes home screen (you'll need to be connected to the internet to access the store).

### **3. Use the search box at top right to search for minus tracks.** Here's a search option that will bring up nice selections:

- Search for "APM Karaoke."
- After searching, click "APM Karaoke .....Unknown" in the top left of the screen under "Artists and More."
- You'll find 40 pages of minus track albums.
- Try clicking "APM Karaoke Party.....Unknown" in the same location for several minus track albums organized by decade.

#### **TIPS:**

- Look at the "Listeners Also Bought" links on the right side of the iTunes screen. This is a great tool for finding more minus tracks.
- Use the back and forward arrow—just above the title of whatever album you are currently looking at—to navigate.
- Be sure to double click individual minus tracks to make sure you like the sound of them. A 20 or 30 second sample will play (turn up your speakers). All minus tracks are not created equal. Some are very good, and some don't sound right.
- In 15 minutes I've found, among plenty of others: High School Musical, Frank Sinatra, Goo Goo Dolls, Norah Jones, Coldplay, RENT, Fallout Boy. There's tons of stuff here, so take some time to look around.

### **4. Download tracks, bring them to your lesson**

- You can buy the songs for .99 cents individually, or you can purchase entire albums if you like. Click the "buy song" button or "buy album" button. They'll be downloaded to your computer. Throw them on a jump drive or CD, and bring them in for lessons. You'll have to set up a very simple account with the iTunes store in order to pay for the minus tracks. It's easy, and you'll be prompted to do it when you try to purchase your first song if you haven't already done it.