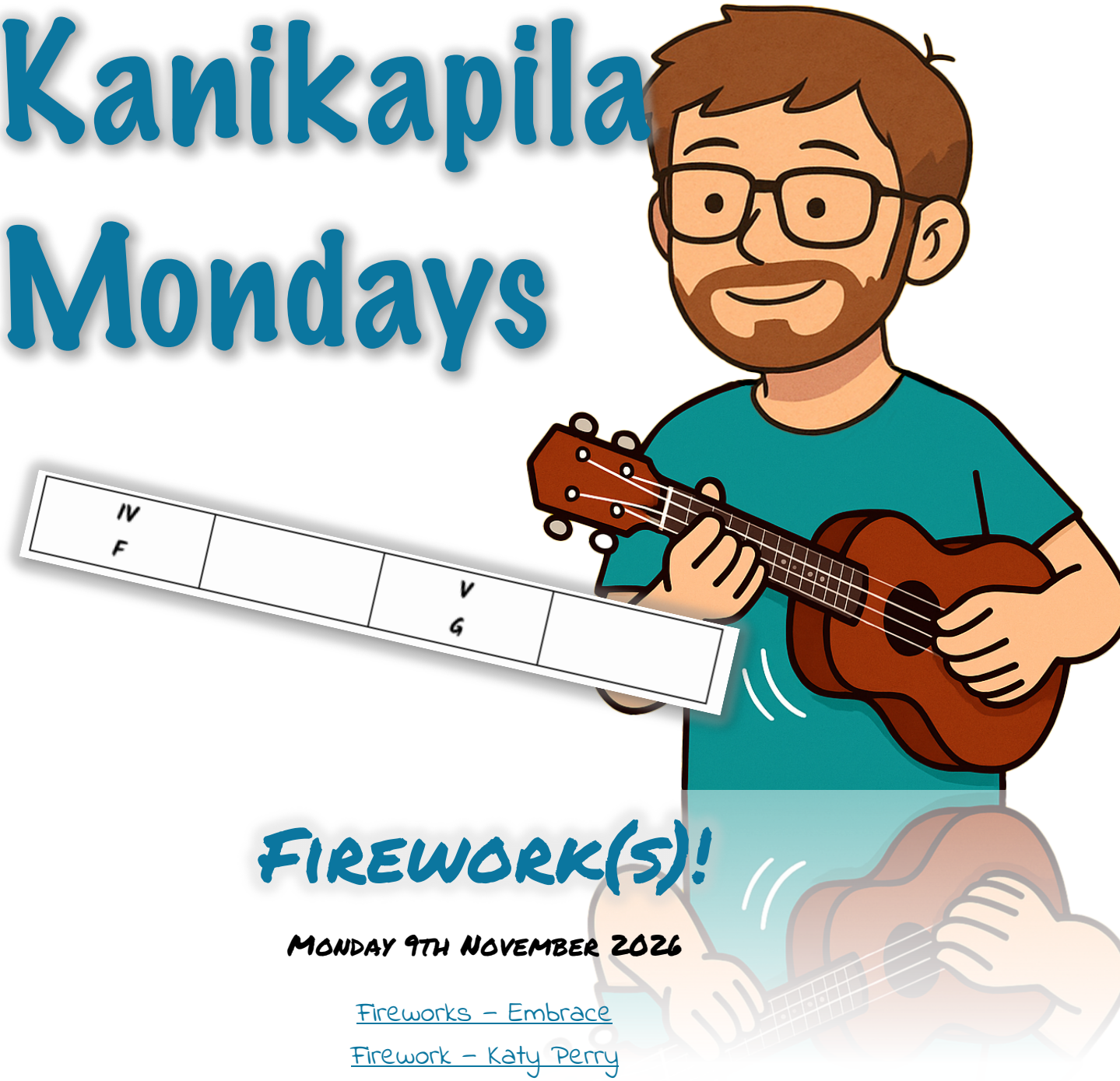
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Firework(s)!

Monday 9th November 2026

Fireworks – Embrace

Firework – Katy Perry

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Fireworks

Embrace

C major

Intro + verses

Embrace • The Good Will Out • C major

I C	VI Am	III Em	I C
VI Am	III Em	I C	

Chorus

IV F	III Em	V G	I C	VI Am
V G	IV F		VI Am	V G
IV F				

Bridge

I C	VI Am	III Em	V G

Fireworks

Embrace • Lyrics & chords

Intro

(C) / (Am) / (Em) / (C) /
(Am) / (Em) / (C) / (C) /

Verse 1

(C) I stretched over to **(Am)** reach you. I tried to **(Em)** meet you, I've been **(C)** wrong
Now the **(Am)** fireworks in me are all **(Em)** gone, it's time I **(C)** realized

Verse 2

My **(C)** girl, you make all the **(Am)** smart moves **(Em)** and you see through all my **(C)** wrongs
When the **(Am)** fireworks in me are all **(Em)** wrong, well, then I **(C)** realized

Chorus

(F) And I don't need convincing **(Em)** I've seen e**(G)**nough to want to **(C)** try and change things
(Am) You fell in love, I fell in **(G)** line
I thought I'd **(F)** found my place **(Am)** before I knew how much it **(G)** cost to play it safe
(F) Have I let you? I never let you

Instrumental

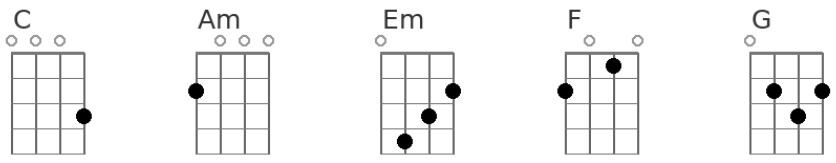
(C) down **/ (Am) / (Em) / (C) /**
(Am) / (Em) / (C) / (C) /

Verse 3

(C) I work all day and I **(Am)** won't fight when it **(Em)** feels right and it's **(C)** wrong
When the **(Am)** fireworks in me are all **(Em)** gone, well, then I **(C)** realized

Final chorus

(F) And I don't need convincing **(Em)** I've seen e**(G)**nough to want to **(C)** try and change things
(Am) You fell in love, I fell in **(G)** line
I thought I'd **(F)** found my place **(Am)** before I knew how much it **(G)** cost to play it safe
(F) Have I let you? I never let you
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Firework

Katy Perry

C major

Main four-chord loop

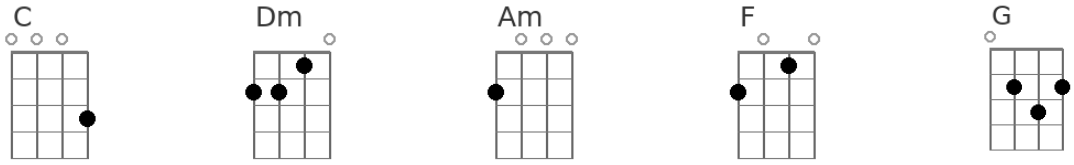
I C	II Dm	VI Am	IV F
I C	II Dm	VI Am	IV F

Bridge

VI Am		IV F	
I C		V G	

Dynamics are EVERYTHING!

Start intimate, increase the strum width and accents, and let the final chorus explode.



Firework

Katy Perry • Lyrics & chords

Instrumental **(C)** / **(Dm)** / **(Am)** / **(F)**

Verse 1

(C) Do you ever feel **(Dm)** like a plastic bag, **(Am)** drifting through the wind, **(F)** wanting to start again?
(C) Do you ever feel, **(Dm)** feel so paper-thin, **(Am)** Like a house of cards, **(F)** one blow from caving in?
(C) Do you ever feel **(Dm)** already buried deep? **(Am)** Six feet under screams, but **(F)** no one seems to hear a thing
(C) Do you know that there's **(Dm)** still a chance for you? **(Am)** 'Cause there's a spark in you **(F)** You just gotta

Pre-chorus

Ig**(C)**nite the **(Dm)** light and **(Am)** let it **(F)** shine. Just **(C)** own the **(Dm)** night like the **(Am)** Fourth of Ju**(F)**ly

Chorus

'Cause baby, you're a **(C)** fire**(Dm)**work. Come on, show 'em **(Am)** what you're **(F)** worth
Make 'em go, **(C)** "Aah, aah, aah!" **(Dm)** As you shoot across the **(Am)** sky-y-y -**(F)**
Baby, you're a **(C)** fire**(Dm)**work. Come on, let your **(Am)** colours **(F)** burst
Make 'em go, **(C)** "Aah, aah, aah!" **(Dm)** You're gonna leave them all in **(Am)** awe, awe, awe **(F)**

Verse 2

(C) You don't have to feel **(Dm)** like a waste of space **(Am)** You're original, **(F)** cannot be replaced
(C) If you only knew **(Dm)** what the future holds **(Am)** After a hurricane **(F)** comes a rainbow
(C) Maybe a reason why **(Dm)** all the doors are closed **(Am)** So you could open one that **(F)** leads you to the perfect road
(C) Like a lightning bolt, **(Dm)** your heart will glow **(Am)** And when it's time, you'll know that **(F)** You just gotta

Pre-chorus

Ig**(C)**nite the **(Dm)** light and **(Am)** let it **(F)** shine. Just **(C)** own the **(Dm)** night like the **(Am)** Fourth of Ju**(F)**ly

Chorus

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Bridge

(Am) Boom, boom, boom! Even brighter than the **(F)** moon, moon, moon
It's always been inside of **(C)** you, you, you and now it's time to let it **(Am)** through-ough-ough

Chorus

'Cause baby, you're a **(C)** fire**(Dm)**work. Come on, show 'em **(Am)** what you're **(F)** worth
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Outro

(C) Boom, boom, boom! **(Dm)** Even brighter than the **(Am)** moo-oo-oon

Focus on Technique

Fireworks — Embrace

I = C • vi = Am • iii = Em • IV = F • V = G

Explore the emotional shift between C major and the minor chords (Am and Em).

Use a lighter, slower strum or a gentle arpeggio for the verses; open things up for the chorus.

The bridge is a clean four-chord journey: C → Am → Em → G.

Firework — Katy Perry

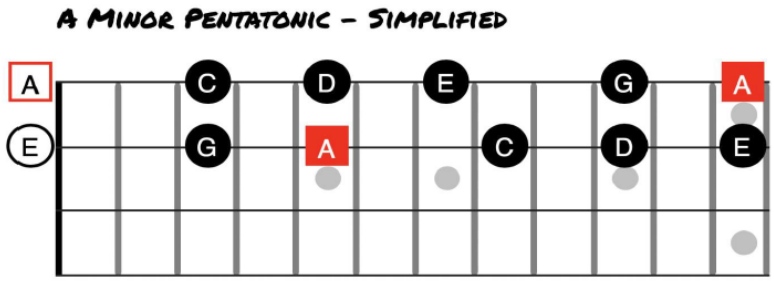
I = C • ii = Dm • vi = Am • IV = F

Keep the four-chord loop steady and tell the story with DYNAMICS.

Verse: light, almost whispered. Build: increase momentum. Chorus: full, confident strums.

Final chorus: experiment with accents, extra volume and a final held chord.

Soloing



Chord colour guide

I C	II Dm	III Em	IV F	V G	VI Am
VII Bdim					

Fascinating Facts

Fireworks – Embrace (1998)

Embrace released "Fireworks" on their debut album, The Good Will Out.

Danny McNamara revealed that he hadn't finished the lyrics when the band started mixing the song. So he literally crawled underneath the mixing desk and wrote them while the engineers worked above him!

Released on the Fireworks EP in May 1997, it gave Embrace their first UK Top 40 entry, reaching number 34. Their debut album, The Good Will Out, subsequently went straight to number one in 1998.

Firework – Katy Perry (2010)

Katy Perry's "Firework" appears on the album Teenage Dream. The song was inspired by a passage in Jack Kerouac's On the Road. It describes extraordinary people bursting with life like fireworks across the sky.

This was the first 'proper book' I ever read. I found it lay in a corner of my older brother's bedroom. A few weeks later I got my first job in a bookshop in Tewkesbury!

38,000 people wanted to be in the video! The music video was filmed in Budapest, with 250 fans selected from more than 38,000 entries across Europe. It went on to win Video of the Year at the 2011 MTV Video Music Awards.

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