

VocLyrics - User Manual

Studio9 Plugins - Ver 1.3.0

WHAT IT DOES

VocLyrics shows synced lyrics on screen while you record or perform – great for a second monitor in the vocal booth. It's a true-bypass plugin: it never touches your audio.

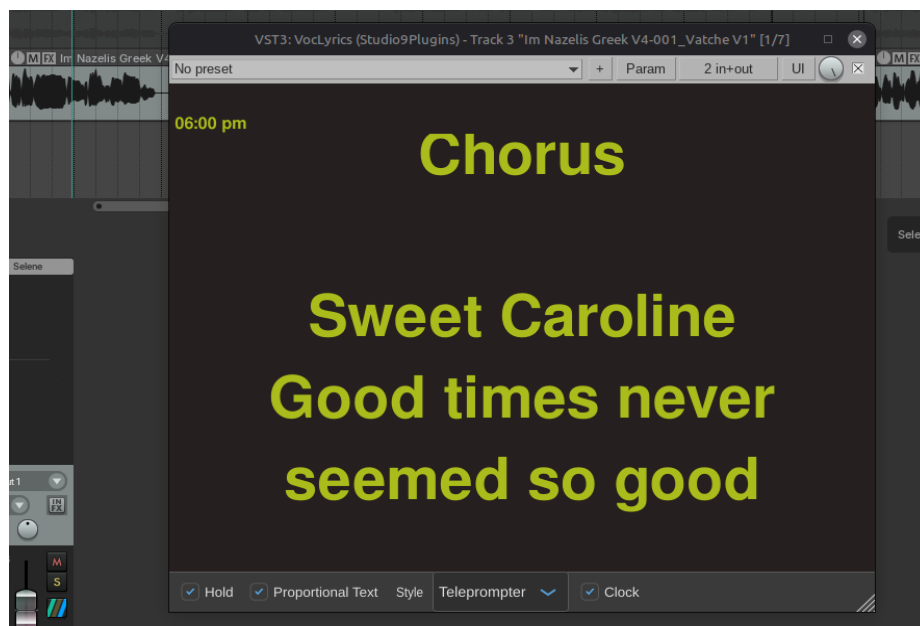
Version 1.3.0 adds a Teleprompter display style for continuously scrolling long passages of lyrics or script, plus an optional on-screen Clock overlay for keeping track of real time during a session.

The plugin has two views that switch automatically:

EDIT MODE - shown while the DAW transport is stopped. This is where you write lyrics, set timestamps, and choose fonts/colours.

DISPLAY MODE - shown while the DAW transport is playing.

- **Single Line Text** - Large current line, smaller next line underneath.
- **Scrolling Text** – Large current line, three smaller following lines underneath, scroll up with timestamp.
- **Teleprompter** – Continuously scrolls a whole block of lyrics or script text, synced to elapsed playhead time between two timestamp anchors – ideal for long, unbroken passages.
- **Hold Display Mode** – Keeps the display mode active when the playhead stops
- **Proportional Text** – Automatically resizes the display text font to fit within the window size.
- **Clock** – Optional on-screen wall-clock overlay in the top-left corner of the display.



INSTALLATION

Install VocLyrics by copying the plugin file(s) into your system's plugin folder for the format your DAW uses, then rescan plugins in your DAW if it doesn't pick them up automatically.

Windows 10 / 11

Copy **VocLyrics.vst3** into:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\VST3\

macOS

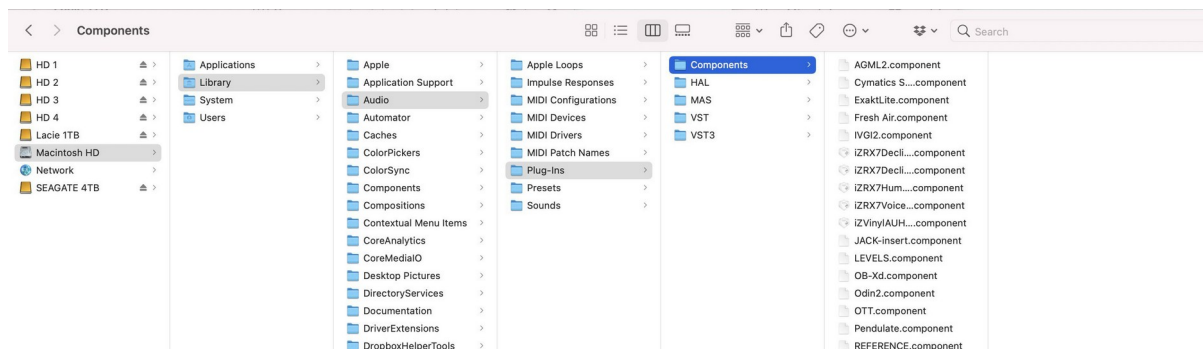
Copy **VocLyrics.vst3** and/or **VocLyrics.component** into whichever of these applies – the /Library/ paths install the plugin for every user account on the Mac, the ~/Library/ paths install it for you only:

VST3 (all users): /Library/Audio/Plug-Ins/VST3/

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Linux

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~/vst3/

WRITING LYRICS

Type your lyrics into the main text box in standard LRC format:

[ti:Song Title] – Song Title (Optional. Not displayed)

[ar:Artist Name] – Artist Name (Optional. Not displayed)

[al:Album Name] – Album Name (Optional. Not displayed)

[00:12.50]First line of the song

[00:16.30]Second line

A note about the song part, i.e. Increase vocal fader (this line is not displayed)

[01:15.12]Third line

[02:30.00]End

[02:32.00]

A blank line after a timestamp (like the last example) marks silence. The Title / Artist / Album fields at the top and the [ti:]/[ar:]/[al:] tags are optional and are not displayed.

TIP: leave a line's timestamp off, or type it wrong, and VocLyrics just skips that line for playback - it won't break anything else.

TAGGING TIMESTAMPS WHILE YOU PLAY (INSERT TIME)

1. Tick "Edit Text" to enable editing of the lyrics.
2. Tick "Hold Edit Mode" to keep the Edit screen showing even while the DAW is playing, so you can keep clicking Insert Time as the song plays.
3. Click into the lyric line you want to tag.
4. Press "Insert Time" - it stamps that line with the current play head time.
5. The cursor will automatically move to the next line, ready for the next timestamp
6. If no lyrics have been typed in yet, each click inserts timestamp and starts a fresh line for you. You can fill in the words afterwards.

Hold Edit Mode resets to off every time you reopen the plugin.

FONT & COLOUR

Font / Size - lyric editor text (font is also used in Display mode. Font is automatically sized).

Font Colour - Display mode text colour

Display Background - background colour of the Display mode screen

All of these are saved with your DAW project.

LOADING & SAVING .LRC FILES

What are .lrc files?

An LRC file (short for "lyrics") is a plain-text file used to synchronize song lyrics with an audio track. When played on compatible media players, it displays the lyrics line-by-line or word-by-word in real-time as the song progresses, functioning much like karaoke subtitles.

Load LRC - opens a file browser to pick a .lrc file. Its contents replace everything currently in the lyric editor, so you'll be asked to confirm first. There's no undo, so save first if you want to keep what's there.

Save LRC - opens a file browser to save your current lyrics as a .lrc file. Choose any name; ".lrc" is added automatically.

If a file can't be read or written, a message will inform you.

SAVING YOUR WORK

Your lyrics and all font/colour settings are saved automatically with your DAW project (no extra

step needed). Use Save LRC only when you also want a standalone .lrc file - e.g. to reuse the lyrics in another project or with another app.

CHANGES IN VERSION 1.3.0

Edit Text checkbox (Edit Mode)

Edit Mode's toolbar now has an **Edit Text** checkbox next to Insert Time. When it's unticked (the default), the lyric text box is read-only and scrollable but can't be typed into, and Insert Time is disabled; tick it to make the box editable and re-enable Insert Time again. This exists because the Spacebar – most DAWs' Play/Stop shortcut – would otherwise get typed into the lyrics as a literal space whenever the text box happened to have focus.

Teleprompter Display Style

Teleprompter is a new Display Style that continuously scrolls a whole block of typed lyrics or script text, instead of jumping line by line. To use it, use Insert Time to stamp a timestamp on only the first line of the passage and the first line of whatever follows it – everything typed between those two “anchor” timestamps scrolls smoothly across the elapsed time between them, so you don't need to time-stamp every individual line.

Clock Display

Display Mode's footer now has a **Clock** checkbox. When ticked, it shows the current wall-clock time (not the playhead position) in the top-left corner of the display, in the same font and colour as your lyrics – handy for keeping track of real time during a long session.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Issue: Insert Time button stamps the wrong timestamp when the DAW transport is stopped.

Some DAWs (known: UAD LUNA, Bitwig Studio) don't report the play head's current position to plugins while playback is stopped, so VocLyrics can't read the correct time at that moment.

Solution: Use Insert Time button while the transport is playing, not while it's stopped.

Issue: Display Mode shows blank even though the lyrics and timestamps look valid.

Some DAWs fail to send a [00:00.00] timestamp right at the very start of playback, so VocLyrics never captures a starting anchor if your first lyric line is stamped at exactly [00:00.00].

Solution: If your first line's timestamp is [00:00.00], nudge it forward slightly, e.g. to [00:01.00].

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