

Revising Music - Matching Musical Emotion to Lyrics

Determine the emotion of each line and write it beside the line. Then, write one chord change to represent that emotion. Choose the first chord and place it over a word early in the lyric, then choose the second chord and put it where you think it's appropriate

The station lights were glowing through the falling snow

I held my breath when she stepped into the room

Children were laughing somewhere down the hall

The screen door slammed and nobody said a word

The river rose higher than we had ever seen

He folded the flag with shaking hands

I could not stop smiling all the way home

The church bells rang across the empty valley

Her coffee cup was still sitting by the sink

We ran barefoot through the summer grass

Thunder rolled over the mountains at dusk

He stared at the phone but never made the call

Determine the emotion of each lyrical phrase. Simplify AND change the chords to better match the emotion the line evokes. How few chords could you use? Could you just use one chord?

G Em C D
The station lights were glowing through the falling snow

G B7 Em D
I heard your old truck rumble slow across the bridge

C G Em B7
She laughed beside the window while the rain came down

C G Am D
The dishes sat untouched there all across the sink

G D Em C
Children chased the fireflies barefoot through the yard

G B7 Em D
The screen door slammed behind them into the dark

Em C G D
He folded up the letter with unsteady hands

Em B7 C D
The kitchen clock kept ticking against the wall

G Em C D
We danced across the hardwood long after midnight