

It's All Because of You

Key of Db · 4/4 · about 68 beats a minute · words and music by Henry Q Allen

VERSE

Bbm 6	Gb 4	Db 1	F 3
Bbm 6	Gb 4	Db 1	Ab 5
Bbm 6	Gb 4	Db 1	Ab 5
Ebm 2	Ab 5		

One chord a bar. The verse is the same four chords going round: 6, 4, 1, 5. Bar 4 is the one to notice: an F where you expect an Ab. That is the 3 chord standing in for the 5, and it pulls you back to the 6. The last two bars are a 2-5 into the chorus.

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CHORUS

Db 1	Ab 5	Bbm 6	Gb 4
Db 1	Ab 5	Bbm 6	Gb 4

Same four chords. The only thing that changed is where you start. The verse starts on the 6 and sounds unsettled. The chorus starts on the 1 and sounds like home. That is the whole trick of the song.

LEFT HAND

Root and fifth, the way you would play it in church. Let the right hand carry the color.

Db: Db and Ab Gb: Gb and Db Ab: Ab and Eb Bbm: Bb and F

IF DB IS TOO MANY BLACK KEYS

Play it in C. Everything moves down one half step:

Verse: Am F C E Chorus: C G Am F

It will not match the recording, but the shape is identical, and the shape is the lesson.