

# Chords for a Friend

for Matthew Lee Knowles' 40th Birthday

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Moderato rit. . . . .

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked 'Moderato' and the dynamics are 'mf' (mezzo-forte) at the start and 'p' (piano) at the end. The score consists of four measures, each containing a single chord. The first measure has a C major chord (C4, E4, G4). The second measure has a D minor chord (D4, F4, A-flat4). The third measure has an E major chord (E4, G4, B4). The fourth measure has a C major chord (C4, E4, G4). The piece ends with a double bar line.

*mf* *p*

*Ad.*

'Chords for a Friend' is a miniature dedicated to composer, writer, performer, and friend Matthew Lee Knowles.

The piece has four crotchet beats, with each commemorating a decade of Matthew's life, as well as the four syllables in the name 'Matthew Lee Knowles'.

In May 2025, they posted a call on social media for 63 composers to write a bar of music that would be performed at random at his 40th Birthday Party.