Pop Anthem Chord Progression Chart

I – V – vi – IV · in C major: 4 bars

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The progression in C major

I	V	vi	IV
C	G	Am	F

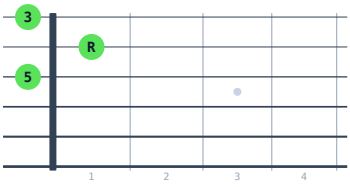
Why it works: Home, a leap to V, a dip to the sad vi, then the IV lifts without landing. It never resolves, so it loops forever, and a singer can put almost any tune on top.

Songs built on it: Let It Be · No Woman No Cry · With or Without You · Don't Stop Believin' · I'm Yours · Someone Like You · Poker Face · Take Me Home, Country Roads

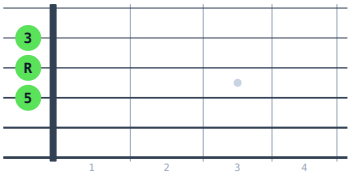
Heard in: Indie rock · Punk · Pop · Pop ballad · Country · Folk

How to play it in C major

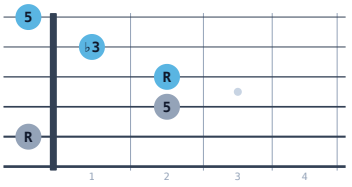
I · C · D shape



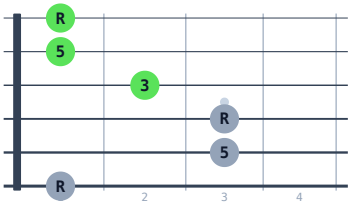
V · G · A shape



vi · Am · A shape



IV · F · E shape



Pop Anthem in every key

Key	I	V	vi	IV
C major	C	G	Am	F
D♭ major	D♭	A♭	B♭m	G♭
D major	D	A	Bm	G
E♭ major	E♭	B♭	Cm	A♭
E major	E	B	C♯m	A
F major	F	C	Dm	B♭
F♯ major	F♯	C♯	D♯m	B
G major	G	D	Em	C
A♭ major	A♭	E♭	Fm	D♭
A major	A	E	F♯m	D
B♭ major	B♭	F	Gm	E♭
B major	B	F♯	G♯m	E

What to play over it

Over the whole progression: C Major · C Major pentatonic

Chord by chord: C: C Major · G: G Mixolydian · Am: A Natural minor · F: F Lydian