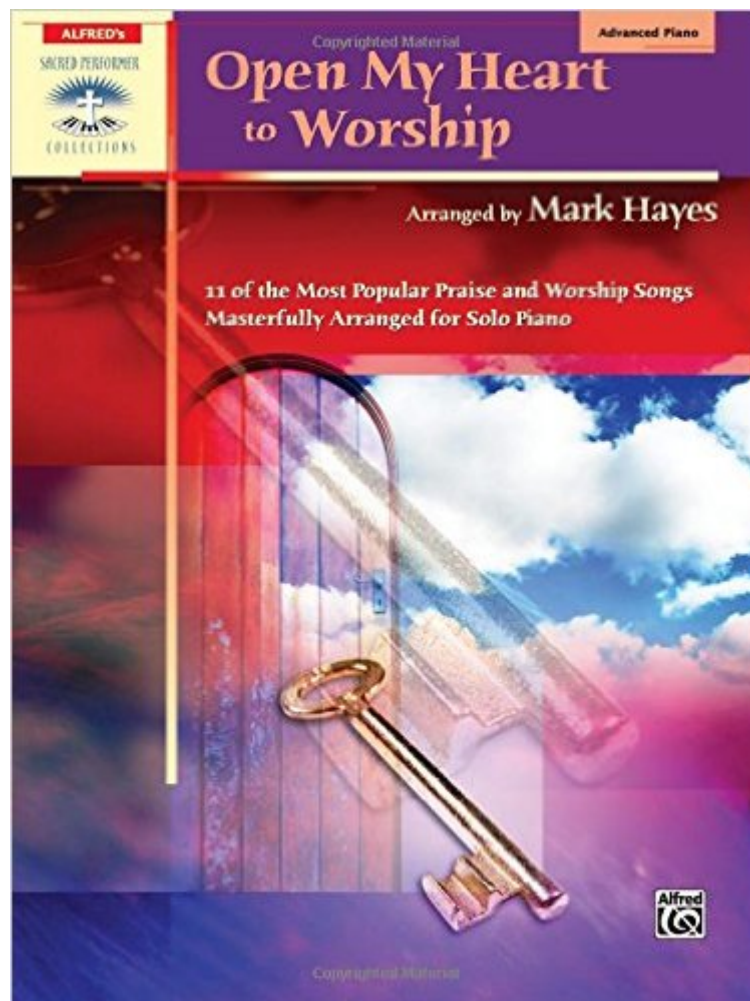


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# Open My Heart To Worship: 11 Of The Most Popular Praise And Worship Songs Masterfully Arranged For Solo Piano (Sacred Performer Collections)



## Synopsis

The praise and worship songs included in this collection have become part of the ""canon"" of contemporary and blended worshipers. These beautiful piano solos, written in the keys in which the pieces are usually sung, may also be used to accompany a congregation. This collection features songs from the CCLIÂ® Top 25! Titles: Above All \* Breathe \* Draw Me Close \* The Heart of Worship \* Here I Am to Worship \* In the Presence of Jehovah with Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place \* Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear) \* Let Everything That Has Breath \* Open the Eyes of My Heart with Be Thou My Vision \* Sweet, Sweet Spirit \* They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.

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## Customer Reviews

These arrangements are typical of Mark Hayes.....wonderful arrangements that sound more difficult than they actually are. The Advanced rating, in my opinion, should be changed to moderately advanced. This is a wonderful collection of contemporary worship songs from years back (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love and Sweet, Sweet Spirit) and from recent years (Above All, Here I Am to Worship,etc.). You will not be disappointed with this book!

Mark Hayes is one of my favorite composer/arrangers, and this book of piano solos continues his

outstanding work. Beautiful arrangements of contemporary praise music at an intermediate level.

This is categorized as Advanced Piano, but I'd put it down at least a notch, so that those who don't put their skills in that category won't shy away from this book of contemporary solo pieces. None is written in 4 sharps or more, & there are no extremely difficult "runs" to master-things you can't determine from the few glimpses provided by the "Look Inside" feature. I'd recommend this book.

I have so enjoyed learning these songs in this book! Not all of them - yet- though, but I'm working on 2 or 3 more now. It has increased my skill level (or at least re-awakened it!). It's easy to let yourself get "rusty" without being a regular pianist in church, but with this, it makes me want to sit and play at home a lot more often!

Wow! These arrangements are wonderful! The gospel-swing arrangement of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" is completely original. There is truly nothing else out there like it. The congregation at our church really enjoyed it! The other arrangements all have a more pop ballad feel, which is nice. I don't have any other book like this one at all. I have the feeling it will be used quite a bit. The difficulty level is not as high as some of the Mark Hayes editions. I would classify this one more at the level of his Intermediate titles. I am an advanced pianist and sight read the entire book at near-performance level. So if some of his other books are a little too "scary" for you, this one might be very enjoyable to you instead. Even though they aren't as difficult, however, doesn't mean they aren't as beautiful or as rich. This is an all-around great collection that belongs in every pianists library.

Beautiful arrangements by an artist who I had a chance to hear in concert several years ago. Amazing! When it says "Advanced Piano," it indeed is advanced--too advanced for me at this time. However, as I skim through the book, I notice that there are some selections that might be somewhat challenging for the intermediate player, but not completely out of reach for one who reads music well and can get the music under their fingers in a reasonable time. It is refreshing to see contemporary worship songs in print so beautifully arranged that invite the instrumentalist and the worshiper to open their hearts in praise. I am looking forward to the day that I can play them with the ease and confidence that the artist/arranger intended. Let the practicing begin!

Mark Hayes' arrangements are always so delightful. You really can't go wrong when you get any of his books. He does amazing choral accompaniments too. (Fun to learn AND play!) This particular

book has several more songs on an easier level than most of his books, so if you need something that can be learned quickly, this is the book for you. 5 Stars!!!

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