

8 Well-Loved Hymns Arranged as Both Traditional Song Accompaniments and Stirring Piano Solos for Intermediate Pianists

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Sacred Songs and Solos, Books One and Two were written in response to many requests by piano teachers and students searching for impressive hymn arrangements for worship services.

The song versions meet a very special need for students who are almost advanced enough to perform from standard hymnals. The harmonizations sound nearly as full as those found in hymnals, yet are much easier to play. Provided with lyrics, they have a traditional chordal treatment and are useful as accompaniments for congregational or group singing.

The more elaborate solo versions consist of stirring, showy arrangements suitable for preludes, offertories and postludes. Peaceful, lyrical solos are included for the meditative moments of the church service. Two selections with a lively syncopated rhythm are included for more informal occasions. Book One combines two of the hymns for an optional medley.

Both song and solo versions may be performed consecutively for a longer arrangement. Interludes are provided for smooth transitions.

It has been gratifying to learn that the solo versions contained in my popular collections *Christmas Songs and Solos* have been adapted for use by many church organists. Moreover, many choirs have sung the melodies in unison with the piano solo versions as accompaniments for effective anthems. I hope you find that *Sacred Songs and Solos* are multipurpose books as well!

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Be Thou My Vision
Blessed Assurance
Fairest Lord Jesus
Holy, Holy, Holy
In the Garden
O Stor Gud*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*The hymn "How Great Thou Art" is an arrangement of this Swedish melody.

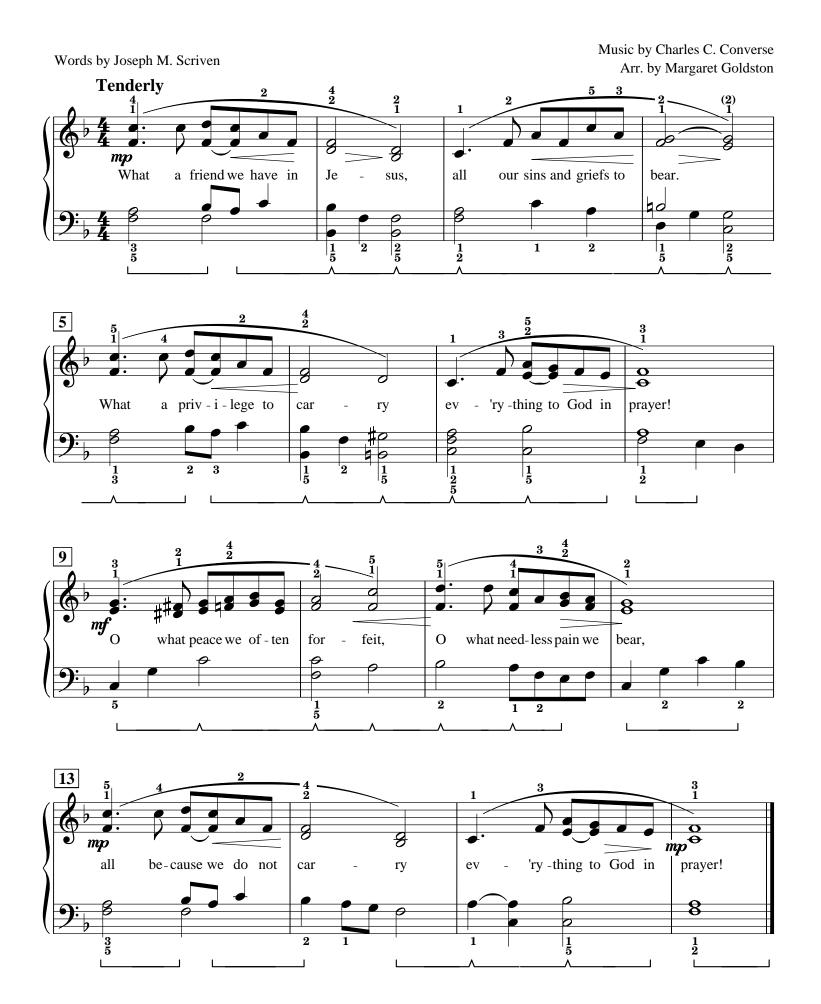
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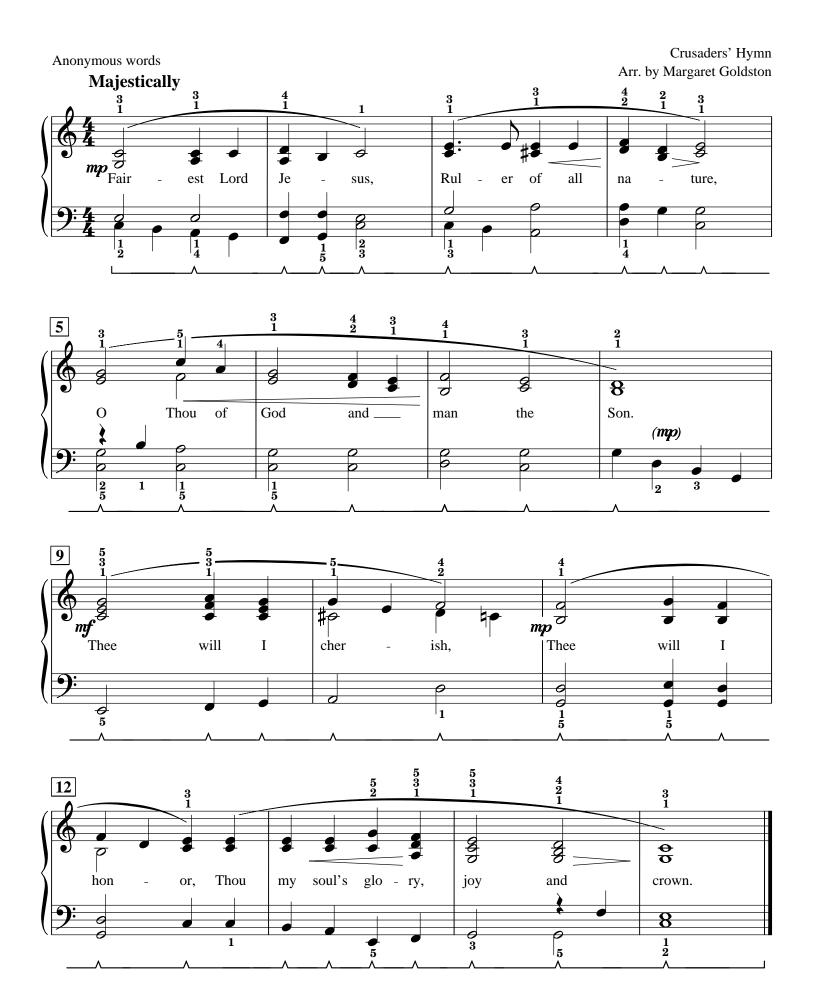
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