Open My Heart to Worship

Arranged by Mark Hayes

11 of the Most Popular Praise and Worship Songs Masterfully Arranged for Solo Piano

My first experience with praise and worship music was in 1977. I was the music editor for Tempo Music Publications and we published a chorus book entitled Scripture in Song, compiled by David and Dale Garrett of Auckland, New Zealand. The Garretts were some of the early pioneers in writing scripture-based choruses that were accessible to congregations. In the 1990s, another publisher asked me to write a series of piano solo collections called Lord, Be Glorified, which seemed to really speak to pianists and churches alike, all across the country. Now, almost thirty years and many piano books later, I am pleased to continue this tradition with the Alfred Music Publishing Company.

Open My Heart to Worship contains some of the top praise and worship songs of the last six or seven years, songs that are now part of the “canon” of contemporary and blended worshipers. I’ve reached back even farther with a few selections such as “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love,” “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” and “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place.”

I have purposely arranged these songs in the keys in which they are usually sung. With a little editing, some of these arrangements could even be used to accompany your congregation. I’ve included chord symbols throughout for those people who want to improvise beyond the written notes on the page.

Whether old or new, I hope the songs I’ve arranged will create a space for the Holy Spirit to minister to you and your listeners, so all may open their hearts to worship.

Mark Hayes

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“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Words and Music by Paul Baloche

Moderately (♩ = 116)

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