The Little Cradle Rocks in Glory lives up to its title...it rocks, gently at first, but then ends with great energy and pizazz on the final chorus. This beloved spiritual is perfect for any occasion where spirited Christmas music is needed. The well-crafted piano accompaniment supports the choral parts and is a joy to play. Hayes uses a good variety of unison and 4-part writing, capitalizing on the call and response form of this song. Show off your best soloist in the "shout" chorus near the end.

Mark Hayes is an award-winning concert pianist, composer, arranger and conductor. His personal catalog, totaling over 1,000 published works, includes work for solo voice, solo piano, multiple pianos, orchestra, jazz combo, small instrumental ensembles, and choruses of all kinds. Mark received a Bachelor of Music degree summa cum laude in Piano Performance from Baylor University in 1975. In 2010, Baylor University Center for Christian Music Studies awarded Mark the Award for Exemplary Leadership in Christian Music. Mark has conducted his works for chorus and orchestra, including *Te Deum, Magnificat, Gloria, The American Spirit* and *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The National Cathedral and St. Ignatius Basilica in Rome.

In addition to his involvement in the sacred and secular choral music fields, Hayes is an accomplished orchestrator and record producer. The album, *I've Just Seen Jesus*, which Mark arranged, orchestrated and co-produced, received the Dove Award for *Praise and Worship Album of the Year* in 1986. In June 2010 Mark released his first CD of original songs titled *All Is Well*, featuring Kansas City jazz artist, Monique Danielle.

Whether concertizing on the other side of the globe or composing at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, Mark is blessed to live out his mission "to create beautiful music for the world."



THE LITTLE CRADLE ROCKS IN GLORY

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

Arranged by MARK HAYES

Tune: TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL



^{*} To purchase a full-length performance recording (45744) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads. Also available: InstruTrax Accompaniment CD (45745).

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