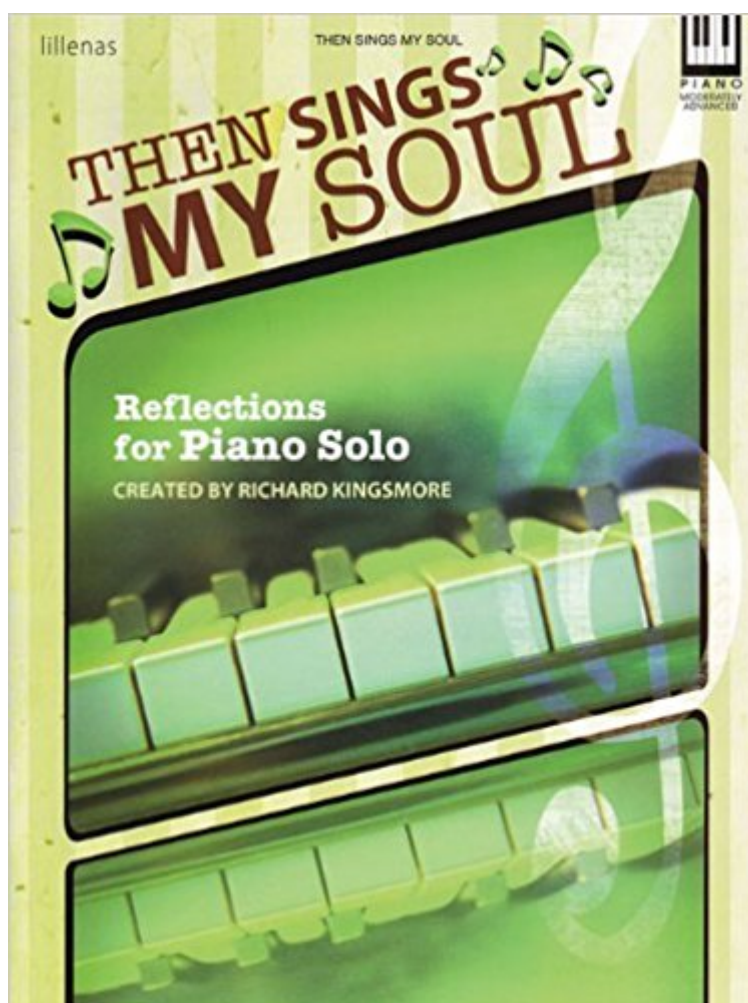




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Synopsis

(Lillenas Publications). This collection is a blend of timeless hymns and contemporary praise and worship songs. These creative settings by Richard Kingsmore reflect the influence of arrangers like Jim Brickman, George Winston and other contemporary piano artists. This collection includes favorites like "Amazing Grace," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "Here I Am to Worship," and "How Great Thou Art" among several others. Late intermediate level.

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Customer Reviews

This collection claims to be at a moderately advanced level of difficulty, yet I was able to sightread through the entire book in a half hour. A more accurate level would be intermediate. Each selection features much syncopation in the melodic line, but the harmonic progressions are quite predictable. I would hesitate to use these pieces as offertories, as my congregation expects a higher level of complexity and musicianship than these arrangements provide. Perhaps the pieces would be acceptable as preludes, when people are talking and not really listening to the music anyway. There is really nothing remarkable about these arrangements. Don't waste your money!

I LOVE this book! I agree that "advanced" is not the right word, as I was able to sight read this whole book in less than one day. (It does not feature many chords, if any, and most songs have you playing no more than 2 notes at the same time in each hand.) But, I love how beautifully-syncopated the melodies are! They are "simple" and just make anyone listening to them feel relaxed. The songs

are a bit long (and sometimes feel like they go on and on and on...) but you can easily take out a few repetitive measures to shorten them. Like I said, these songs are just so relaxing, so I think you could play them for prelude or offertory.

I love this book. Every time I play one of these arrangements, people tell me how worshipful the music is. I like that they sound beautiful and complex, while really not requiring lots of time to have one ready. One of my favorite piano books!

I went to a piano music reading session led by Mark Hayes, and this book was one of the many fine books that were featured. The arrangements are indeed intermediate, assuming one has a good sense of rhythm, but they are thoughtful, reflective, and beautiful in my humble opinion. And my United Methodist congregation likes them just fine.

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