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Paul Johnston : Jazzy Hymns and Spirituals: 11 Piano Arrangements of Traditional Favorites for the Advanced Pianists (Piano) (Sacred Performer Collections) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jazzy Hymns and Spirituals: 11 Piano Arrangements of Traditional Favorites for the Advanced Pianists (Piano) (Sacred Performer Collections):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "By JoannG This has some nice arrangements in it of great old standards like "Oh Happy Day!" in the style of Ray Stevens, and a great jazzy arrangement of "Jesus Loves Me" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "When the Saints Go Marching In", .and even "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot!" The

arrangements are somewhat challenging, but not horribly difficult. An intermediate pianist would not have to spend hours and hours learning them to play them well. If you're looking for something to inject a little more modern sound into your services, without leaving the old folks wondering what in the WORLD that tune is you're playing, this is a great choice. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This is a fun book with well-known songs By From Where I Stand Arrived quickly, well-wrapped. This is a fun book with well-known songs...to make as simple or grand as you want them to be. Sometimes there are a "lot of notes", so feel free to drop a few runs and chords here and there, to make the selections easier (more enjoyable) to play. I especially enjoyed the bluesy "Jesus Loves Me" (Fun to play during the younger children's exit for Sunday School). It would be a thoughtful gift for a church pianist who wants to try something different. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Depending On Your Preference In Styles... By Robin Conley My personal preference in keyboard music runs to a smooth jazz or blues styles. I have many arrangements by Mark Hayes, Joel Raney, and Larry Shackley which I really enjoy, both intermediate and advanced levels. I was very disappointed with this book. This is the first time I have purchased music by this arranger. The pieces are more abstract, and what I consider thin sounding harmony. Some are a bit too simple sounding. I rate the pieces in this book to be of easy or intermediate difficulty. So if you prefer the rich harmonies of those arrangers above, this may not be the book for you. I will continue to work through a few of the arrangements, just to see if my first initial impressions stand true, or if I just misunderstood the manner in which the pieces should be played. I'm a classically trained organist, dabbling in keyboard music. If my assessment changes, I will update the post.

The arrangements in this collection were written to contribute meaningful new music to the church service. The spirit of original music is retained while incorporating jazz harmonies and written-out "improvised" passages. These pieces range from the reflective to the celebratory, and it is hoped that you will enjoy playing them for your own pleasure and to share with others. Titles: * Abide with Me * Give Me Jesus * I've Got Peace Like a River * Jesus Loves Me, This I know * Leaning on the Everlasting Arms * Oh Happy Day * Simple Gifts * Sweet Hour of Prayer * Swing Low, Sweet Chariot * Wade in the Water * When the Saints Go Marching In