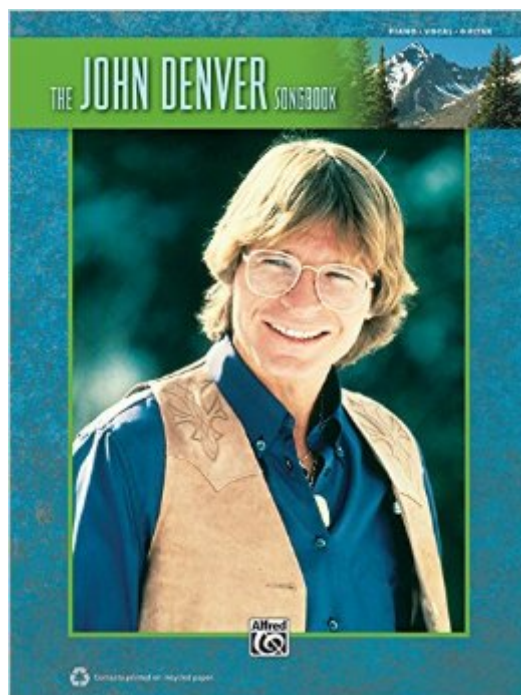


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The John Denver Songbook: Piano/Vocal/Guitar



Synopsis

John Denver was one of the most beloved entertainers of his era. His tender songs about relationships struck a chord with his fans, and his passion for the environment was evident long before it was fashionable. This book features 27 of Denver's classic songs, arranged for piano/vocal/guitar. Titles: Annie's Song * Back Home Again * Calypso * Farewell Andromeda (Welcome to My Morning) * Fly Away * Follow Me * For Baby (For Bobbie) * Grandma's Feather Bed * I'm Sorry * Leaving on a Jet Plane * Let Us Begin (What Are We Making Weapons For?) * Like a Sad Song * My Sweet Lady * Perhaps Love * Poems, Prayers, and Promises * Rhymes and Reasons * Rocky Mountain High * Some Days Are Diamonds (Some Days Are Stone) * Sunshine on My Shoulders * Sweet Surrender * Take Me Home, Country Roads * Thank God I'm a Country Boy * That's the Way It's Gonna Be * Whose Garden Was This? * Wild Montana Skies * Windsong * Yellowstone (Coming Home).

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Customer Reviews

This book has a number of songs that I like a lot. For the most part the music seem correct, readable and not too complicated. However, beware that there are many mistakes in the lyrics. For example, in the bridge of I'd Rather Be A Cowboy, John Denver sings the very poetic line "I'd rather live on the side of a mountain, than wander through canyons of concrete and steel". In this book, that is rendered as ".. than wander through canyons, a country to see" -- that doesn't make any sense. That is just one example of many problems. It is possible that here are as many mistakes in

the music that I didn't notice because I'm a rank novice when it comes to piano/guitar.

This was once THE John Denver songbook to have back in the day (1970s). It contains the following hits: Follow Me Leaving On A Jet Plane Poems, Prayers and Promises Rhymes And Reasons Sunshine On My Shoulders Take Me Home, Country Roads...and 17 other (lesser-known) songs by Denver. Obviously, later hits (e.g. Annie's Song; Calypso; Fly Away, For Baby (For Bobby); I'm Sorry; Looking for Space; Some Days Are Diamonds and Starwood In Aspen) are not included here. This book is out-of-print. You may be able to find it used if you are only looking for one or two of Denver's songs, or if you are on a budget. "John Denver Anthology" [ISBN 0895249111] is a more complete and up-to-date collection of John Denver's songs and offers it at a great price.

I bought this book because it contained many of my favorite early-John Denver songs. However, I am very disappointed in the arrangements of the songs. They just don't catch the flavor of John Denver's music. The arrangement of "Back Home Again" is especially pathetic. I should have known better than to buy a book of popular songs from a company that primarily promotes classical music.

Nice to be able to play along with my husband while he plays the guitar. Some of the piano music is difficult, especially with four sharps. But with practice I will get the hang of it again. My husband loves it. I think it's OK so I gave it four stars.

I thought there would be more songs and that it would be written in the style of sheet music for piano with, both, right and left hand notation.

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