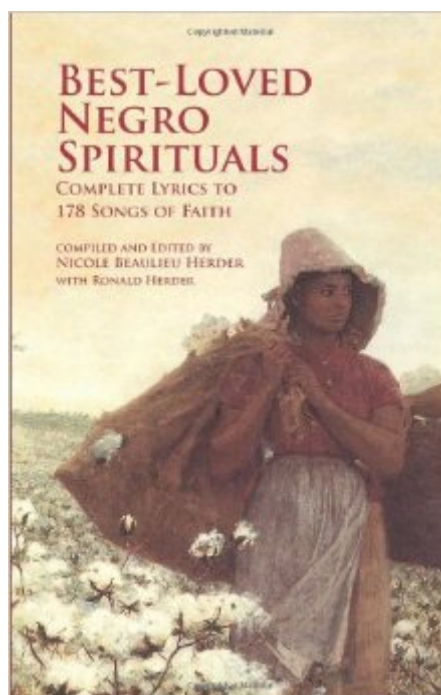


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Best-Loved Negro Spirituals: Complete Lyrics To 178 Songs Of Faith (Dover Books On Music)



Synopsis

Negro spirituals were profoundly influenced both by the African origins of the singers and by the nature of slavery itself. Music permeated every part of African culture from birth to death, and continued to have a powerful, healing role among the people brought to America against their will. The influence of African music on spirituals can be seen in the many elements they have in common, as well as in a diversity that reflects individual tribal influences. Of these songs, famed scholar and collector Natalie Curtis-Burlin wrote, "The Negro spirituals rank with the great folk-music of the world, and are among the loveliest of chanted prayers." This anthology features complete lyrics to 178 of the best-loved spirituals, including such lasting favorites as "Balm in Gilead," "Deep River," "Down by the Riverside," "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel," "Gonna Shout All Over God's Heaven," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," "Roll, Jordan, Roll," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," "Steal Away to Jesus," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "This Train," "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" and many more. An excellent source of familiar song lyrics ideal for sing-alongs, community programs, church functions, and other events, this handsome collection will provide readers and singers alike with hours of pleasure.

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Customer Reviews

As someone who is learning to play the piano, Nicole and Ronald Herder's compilation, Best-Loved Negro Spirituals Complete Lyrics to 178 Songs of Faith : Complete Lyrics to 178 Songs of Faith,

was purchased with the expectation this volume would include both lyrics and musical arrangements. Without some type of musical accompaniment (cassette, CD, scores), having the lyrics is not very beneficial if one doesn't already know how the songs should be sung. The hope was that "Best Loved" would be more like the Gwendolyn Sims book, *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*, meaning: history, lyrics, and arrangements. "Best Loved" is more like a book of gospel poetry and was not returned for that reason. Perhaps I will happen upon recordings or sheet music or other arrangements for some of the older, non-standards.

Book is okay, not impressed with song selections.

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