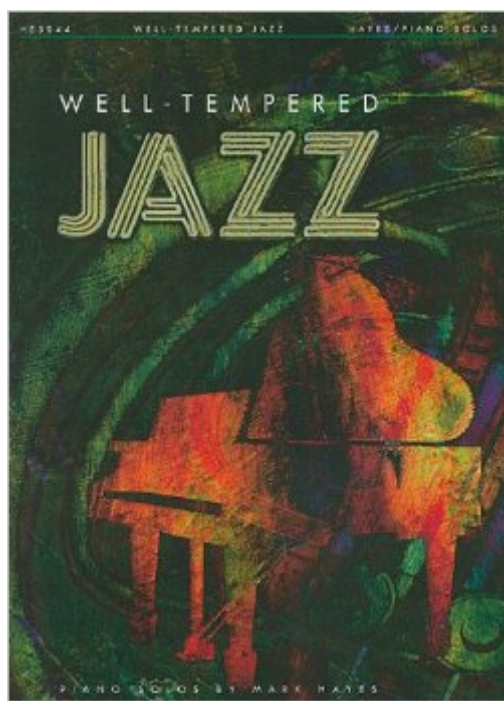


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# Well-Tempered Jazz Piano Collection



## Synopsis

Favorite spirituals and gospel songs, all set in styles ranging from old-time swing, to blues, to bossa, to a romantic "movie theme" to quasi new age stylings. This recording features solo piano with rhythm section. Songs include: Amazing Grace \* Every Time I Feel the Spirit \* Just a Closer Walk with Thee \* Old Time Religion/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot \* and more.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has some nice arrangements, but is quite a bit harder than his "Hymns Harmonized" book. These songs will take quite a bit of practice for me, and some songs have 32nd note runs, and that is where I usually bail out. I like the "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arrangement- my favorite out of this book. Some of Mark Hayes' books come with a CD, this one doesn't. Too bad... it would be helpful.

Not all of these arrangements will be appropriate to play in more traditional churches, but they are are wonderful and some are quite challenging, a good hedge against dementia in old age:) I am loving having a whole book of songs that I am already familiar with written with in jazz form. Highly recommend.

I don't know if I have more to add to this review than what has already been said; however, it must be said that these arrangements are quite a bit more difficult than his other books i.e. Well

Tempered Praise Books 1, 2, 3; Majesty, Christmas book, etc. The other books just mentioned are fairly easy to master; this book takes some practice in order not to water it down. My favorite arrangement, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee " is lovely and quite a challenge at least for me but it's well worth the effort put in. I've never heard the CD mentioned in one of the previous arrangements so I've never heard Mark play. I've done that on purpose so I wouldn't imitate his performances. It might've helped to have the CD in this case since the music is considerably more difficult. I've never seen a CD accompanying any of Mark's books but then again I bought most of them when they first came out in the '80' and '90's.

Hayes has been a favorite of mine since the 1st book I received as a gift in 1989. I have a BM in piano performance and sight read quite well (sharps/flats don't faze me). Most of Hayes' arrangements I can play through decently the 1st time with flub-ups on difficult passages. Those usually require writing in some fingerings and practice through several times to get it up to performance level (notes are virtually perfect and musicality is never overlooked). If I'm tired and not feeling well I will not use a fast Hayes piece for solo work. I won't risk playing it half-hearted and missing the wonderful musical moments. This book is probably my favorite (till I buy a newer one) because the arrangements are a bit more challenging than his previous. Because it's jazzy I don't stress so much about getting every note exact and really enjoy the styles. My favorite is "Way Faring Stranger". If you enjoy jazz you'll enjoy this; just be prepared to practice a bit more than usual.

Great arrangements. These make me think, and I actually had to count out some of the rhythms - which is a nice challenge for an advanced pianist! Nice chords, great voicings. Some run on a little long; Precious Lord and Amazing Grace could have been shortened by a verse, but if you're filling time in a church service you might need the extra.

I have really enjoyed several songs in this book. Some of the songs don't appeal to me, just like I don't like every song on a music album. My favorites are "Just a Closer Walk With Thee". A great arrangement by Mark Hayes. Slow, with fantastic chords and easy style. "Precious Lord" is my second favorite. When I purchase a piano book, sight unseen, I am satisfied if I find at least 2 songs in it that I REALLY like. I like these two titles, so I bought the book. If you like light jazz, and you like the title selection, Mark Hayes has arranged these songs very nicely.

These Christian Jazz selections are just my cup of tea. I don't know how I have missed this Hayes Jewel over these many years at the piano bench. I just recently purchased this collection and I'm playing "His Eye Is On the Sparrow" for an offertory at my church in a couple of weeks. I am the pianist at Jonesborough United Methodist Church in Tennessee. I look forward to learning most and maybe all these great arrangements of classic hymns by Mr. Hayes in the near future. I give the collection a 5 star rating. I am very pleased with this purchase. I am researching now all the Hayes' collections I do not currently have and will purchase these in the near future, I'm sure. Thanks Mark.

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