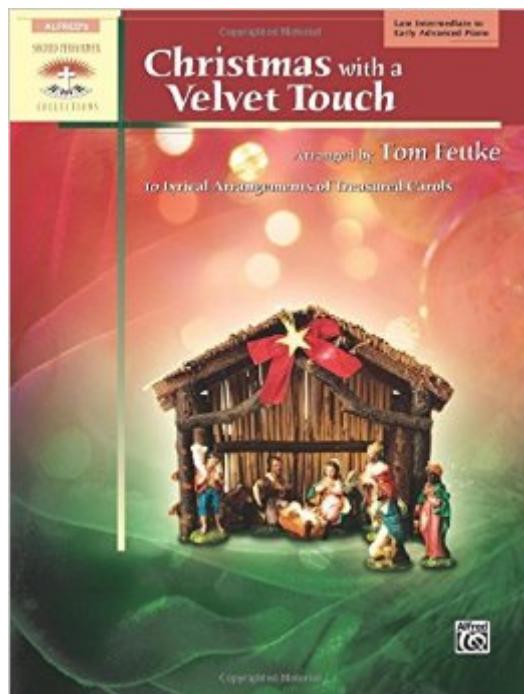


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# Christmas With A Velvet Touch: 10 Lyrical Arrangements Of Treasured Carols (Sacred Performer Collections)



## Synopsis

Tom Fettke's extensive arranging experience comes through in this beautiful collection of treasured carols. From the delicate "Coventry Carol" to the resounding chords of "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly with Gesu Bambino," the true spirit of Christmas is elegantly expressed in these artful arrangements.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book several years ago and I always look forward to pulling it out during the Christmas season. The arrangements are beautiful! I particularly love "The Coventry Carol" and "Carol of the Bells." I found most of the songs relatively easy to play...nothing too advanced. But they SOUND advanced! Buy this book! You will love it!

Tom Fettke writes some of the most melodious arrangements for piano and choral music that are to be found. This book is no exception. I played every one of these in church during the Christmas season. As a trained musician, I was able to sightread them. However, they would be very good for students in Late intermediate or Early advanced stages. It would certainly be worth the effort.

I have all of Tom Fettke's books. His arrangements just flow like velvet and are easy enough to play without a lot of practice if you are an intermediate level piano player. I have recommended his books

to friends and have bought them as gifts for my piano-playing friends. When I have a lot of stress in my life, playing these songs creates relaxation and comfort, and I usually find myself playing four or five pieces at one time. I'm hoping that I will see more of his arrangements in the future.

Contents: The Birthday of a King with Away in a Manger Carol of the Bells with I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Coventry Carol The Friendly Beasts Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring with Comer, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Once in Royal David's City Silent Night Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne What Child Is This? Several of these are very nice. All are at what I'd call Intermediate to Late intermediate. I consider myself an advanced pianist and was able to sight read my way through this book at performance level. Sometimes you need one of those kind of books, though---especially for the Christmas season.

I love this book - as a church organist at two churches it got used a lot this season. The pieces are very interesting and the people loved the arrangements.

I like the variety of songs and the melody arrangements. I had several songs to choose from that sound beautiful without demanding a lot of practice time.

I enjoyed playing the Christmas songs from this book! They are not too difficult for a moderately advanced pianist, and they sound nice.

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