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The Hobbit -- An Unexpected Journey: Sheet Music Selections From The Motion Picture (Easy Piano)



Synopsis

Play selections from Howard Shore's brilliant score to *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*! The eight arrangements in this collection are notably easier to play than those in the separately published piano/vocal edition. For *The Hobbit*, Howard Shore masterfully expands upon the musical palette of Middle-earth, blending familiar motifs from the *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy with an exciting array of memorable new themes. In addition to the piano arrangements, this beautifully produced souvenir folio features an array of colorful photos from the film. Titles: *An Unexpected Party* * *Misty Mountains* * *The Adventure Begins* * *Song of the Lonely Mountain* * *Dreaming of Bag End* * *A Very Respectable Hobbit* * *Erebor* * *The Dwarf Lords*.

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Christmas present for daughter (11) who started piano lessons 8 months ago. She is learning how to play a few of her favorite songs from the movie and it is fun for her - she especially likes the song the dwarves sing "Misty Mountains".

As another reviewer said, these are still not necessarily EASY, just simpler than the originals. I'm actually going to stick with the regular version of the book now that I have both to compare to each other. Don't get me wrong, these ARE more playable, but I'm not thrilled with them. I don't envy the folks who set up these simplified arrangement books. It's actually very difficult to arrange some songs to easier music without messing up the sound of the tune. You often have to cut so much out

that it's boring (or even criminal), or else change the entire song to a different key. For example, some of the easier songs from the original book can sound downright drab in this book. "Dreaming of Bag End" actually sounds better in the original arrangement, and there isn't much they did to change it for this "easy piano" book apart from delete some bass clef chords and ruin which key it's in. There are also fewer songs in this book, so you'd better like what they chose to put in this one or you're out of luck. If you aren't a close observer to the "soundtrack" sound and haven't looked at the regular arrangements yet for fear of failure, then by all means, buy this one instead and save a few dollars as a bonus. It's true you will have a quicker time of learning these arrangements - and, typical for easy piano books, the print size is much bigger in this book (why on earth couldn't they do that for the original arrangements!?!?). As for me, I'd rather struggle a bit more for the fuller sound.***Disclaimer: I am an intermediate piano player with just enough knowledge to "be dangerous" (I straddle the fence on difficulty in many cases, being either bored to tears with the easy piano version or infuriated by the regular version). If you are a true beginner, please do try this easier book before graduating to the regular songbook.***

Great songs to play. I would say that people should not be tricked by the "easy piano" in the title. It doesn't imply that this is for beginners, just easier versions of the originals. Fun to play though!

I am pleased with the actual music, however I chose this version because it was labeled easy. I don't realize easy and beginner were two different ideas! I'll work my way up to it.

Not quite as easy as I expected, but it is good to stretch a bit too. Pictures in it are great and the songs are really good!

Great starter music for easy piano. Every Hobbit fan piano player will appreciate this. Most favorite songs are included in this book.

These easy versions of the film music are well done. The spirit and complexity are all there within easy reach.

The kids go crazy over this book! Some selections (Misty Mountain) are easy enough for first level piano students. This is motivating for kids.

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