

Foreword

What a rich heritage of sacred Christmas music we have! There have been so many beautiful melodies written to celebrate Christ's birth that I never tire of hearing them at Christmas time. *The Art of the Piano, Volume 2* features my versions of eleven beloved Christmas songs. There's a wide variety of styles and moods, from the soulful gospel sounds of *O Come, All Ye Faithful* to the serene classicism of *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Since this is an advanced book, take time to study the rhythms and check the accidentals in the rich chords carefully. May your playing be an expression of joy and gratitude for the gift of God's Son.

—Mark Hayes

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