Folk Songs For Solo Singers, Vol 2: 14 Folk Songs Arranged For Solo Voice And Piano For Recitals, Concerts, And Contests (Medium High Voice), Book & CD
This volume of 14 best-loved folk songs for solo voice and piano contains memorable works arranged by three of Alfred Music’s top writers: Jay Althouse, Mark Hayes and Ruth Elaine Schram. Titles: All My Trials * All Through the Night * Camptown Races * Cindy * Fire Down Below * Follow the Drinking Gourd * Go ‘Way from My Window * He’s Gone Away * Old Dan Tucker * Poor Boy * Poor Wayfaring Stranger * Shenandoah * Simple Gifts * The Water Is Wide. This title is available in SmartMusic.

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Customer Reviews
This volume has very beautiful arrangements of some popular folk songs. “The Water Is Wide” is beautiful and flowing. Some of the arrangements are jazzy (Follow the Drinkin Gourd and a few others) and some are more traditional arrangements (such as Cindy). Great book with nicely played CD. Sometimes CDs are hard to sing with due to the piano players interpretation of the tempo markings, but most on this CD are good. One of my high school students didn’t look very thrilled when I mentioned doing a folk song, but after hearing these arrangements she was excited about it. Great book for junior high and high school singers. Great folk song collection for voice studios. Nice recital, concert, and contest pieces.

Although the picture of the book shows a CD, this does not come with one. Many of the reviews
talked about the CD, but other reviews are not getting the CD either. I would not order if the CD is necessary.

While the pictured cover of the book and many of the reviews mention a CD included with the book, I've now received 2 books that haven't had the CDs. Twice I've worked with to correct the problem. While they have refunded my money, they cannot refund my time.

I am using this book with vocal students and it is really great - the arrangements are interesting without being weird and the piano accompaniment is truly beautiful.

Beautiful arrangements of folk songs, just like anything arranged by Jay Althouse. Piano parts are a joy to play! I use this book for middle school/high school age voice students, there is also a medium low book.

Bought this for my daughter, who is studying voice with a Juilliard Graduate. Lovely pieces. She is even playing piano and singing them. A great buy. Found this book through a college music program audition repertoire list.

This book is just perfect for teaching beginner singers. I'm a college student and teach the songs to my 14 year old boy. There are lot's of great folks songs in here that your little bumpkins will just soak up! :D

This book provides clear lyrics and music but the CD containing the music is quite self-indulgent and showcases the pianists' chops rather than providing a basic framework for helping a singer learn and master the songs. The CD does not contain a version of the songs that includes the melody line. (If you listen to the CD without looking at the book I guarantee you will not be able to name some of the songs.) If you are unfamiliar with the song and aren't a great sight reader, you will struggle.

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