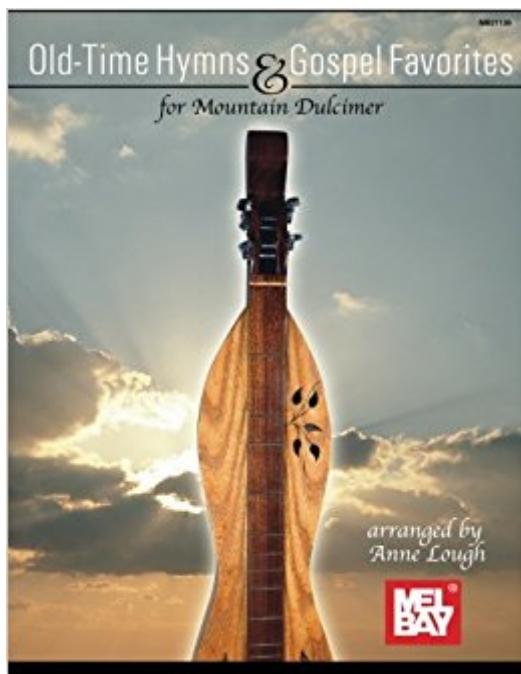


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# Old-Time Hymns & Gospel Favorites For Mountain Dulcimer



## **Synopsis**

A delightful and extensive collection of dearly loved and time honored hymns and gospel tunes creatively arranged to be enjoyed and successfully played at any skill level. The tunes are written out in music notation and in standard dulcimer tablature that is clear and easy to read. Chord symbols are included for accompanying instruments as well as the lyrics for singing along. The thoughtful and intentional use of the Ionian (DAA,) Mixolydian (DAD) and Reverse Ionian (DGD) tunings will encourage flexibility and expand the use and understanding of different melodic modes and accompanying chord shapes.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A native of Springfield, Virginia, Anne Lough began playing and singing folk music at the age of fourteen. She has continued to share her love of music through the years while raising four daughters and completing a Music Education Degree from Murray State University, Murray, Ky., and a Master of Music Education Degree from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. Anne now resides in the mountains of North Carolina and devotes her time to festivals, workshops, performances, Exploritas classes and school residencies. Equally at home on the guitar, autoharp, mountain and hammered dulcimer, her educational programs and performances range from traditional music and folk songs to shaped note singing, classical and American popular music, folk dance traditions, storytelling, folklore and cultural history. In addition to being a frequent instructor in mountain and hammered dulcimer at the prestigious John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown,

NC, Anne has taught at the Swannanoa Gathering, Western Carolina Dulcimer Week, Augusta Heritage Dulcimer Week, Buckeye Dulcimer Festival and at numerous other festivals and workshops throughout the country. Her artistic interpretation, sensitive playing style, versatility, creative arranging and skill as an instructor have earned her national acclaim. Anne has been on the Touring Artist Roster for the North Carolina Arts Council for many years and is active in schools in many states as a Visiting Artist. Anne's music can be heard on a number of recordings, Smoky Mountain educational videos, public radio and a recent North Carolina PBS Christmas Special. She has also published several collections of arrangements for the mountain and hammered dulcimer.

I play the guitar and I liked the song list. I found out that the songs are usually in very simplified chords to play on the dulcimer, so guys like me with simple guitar chord playing will love this book. Maybe I'll play the dulcimer some day, but I got it for the chords and great song selection.

I love the selections of songs in this book! Great arrangements and easy to play. A good investment for anyone who loves to play the mountain dulcimer.

Fun to play.

Being a beginner this book is a little harder for me to play.

I'm enjoying this wonderful collection of old time hymns. Ms. Lough arranges the songs simply yet eloquently so that even a musically challenged individual such as myself can sound halfway decent playing them. I kid you not, I've had no formal music training since my pathetic attempt to learn the piano in third grade, and in less than a week of playing around (most of which was spent trying to tune the dulcimer) I've learned a few of my old favorites. Once you figure out which frets to push (and it ain't rocket science), you're ready to jam! If you're a dulcimer virtuoso, I'm guessing this book is probably below your skill level, but for the rest of us, it's simply laid out, easy to follow, and a fun way to make a "joyful noise". Excellent selection of timeless, inspirational Christian "roots" music-- songs like Amazing Grace, Rock of Ages, What a Friend We Have in Jesus.

I really like this book! I appreciate the use of different tunings, but I wish that each song came with several tunings instead of how the book is currently set up.

Worth 10 times the price!!

This is an excellent collection of hymns for the dulcimer. Excellent.

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