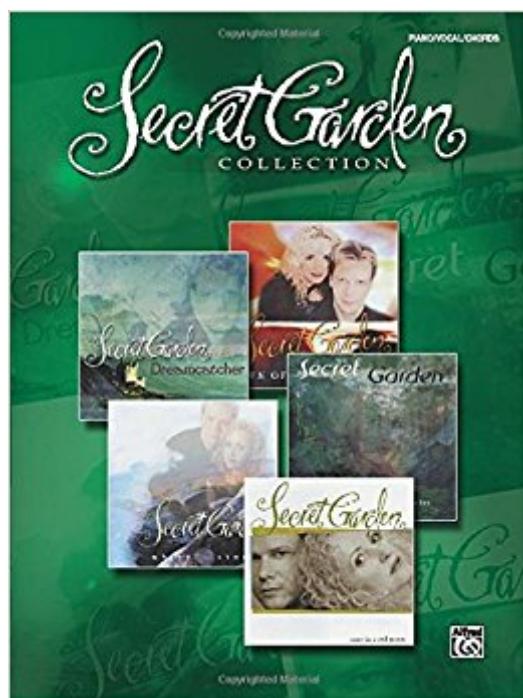


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The violin carries the melody above the piano accompaniment in most of these songs. They are NOT transcriptions for solo piano. The arrangements are excellent if you wish to play with another musician on a separate instrument capable of playing a descant.

Just a bit disappointed in this. Maybe I didn't read the description well enough but I thought I was getting a keyboard arrangement of the tunes. What was written was the solo violin (or voice) on a separate stave over a keyboard reduction of the orchestral accompaniment. To play everything, you will need to fit the violin part into the accompaniment and sometimes it is overlapping. Just be aware of that. Overall though the arrangements are good and true to the recording.

Generous collection of pieces, but beware - there is no separate violin part, so you'll have to deal w/ multiple pages which for some of the pieces is very inconvenient. Why isn't there a separate violin part? Crazy!

Though this book is not for solo piano, with a little skill it can be easily played as a solo without an issue. I've had this book a few years and everyone who has heard these pieces have lamented how beautiful they are; in fact, I've made audience members cry from the beauty of the music. The score itself is extremely easy and I've also arranged it a tiny bit for duets (not solo plus accompaniment). Now I've started learning the violin and really look forward to using this book again. Compared to other music books, the binding is substandard but it's usable with care.

On the whole, it's not bad. It's got the piano part and violin part. I got it because of the violin part. Would be nice if there was a pull-out of the violin part (separate from the piano part). Would also be nice if there were an accompanying CD. The arrangements are a little different than the recordings on YouTube. The book's binding is not very good for me because the pages won't lie open and I feel like I'm destroying the binding by forcing them flat. It interrupts my page turns cos I have to stop and flatten the book so the page will stay put on my music stand.

This music is beautiful and offers great variety to a musician like myself who plays soft ballads as preludes and interludes for Catholic Masses. I first discovered the Secret Garden CD in the mid 90s and was thrilled to find the sheet music. I also appreciate that the music is at an intermediate level so no filler or reliance on chords is needed.

What a great book! Just what I was looking for, some of my favorite songs from this group! Great as an on-the-spot music reading challenge, too, trying to read it and play it at the same time the first time through. Recommend to anyone who is a fan of the Secret Garden music or just loves good relaxing classical music.

So happy to have this music that I can play on my piano. Enjoy listening to it on CD and been wanting to be able to play it myself. The music is not too difficult to play...and I can enjoy the melodies on my own piano. If you like Secret Garden and have a piano...this book is for you.

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