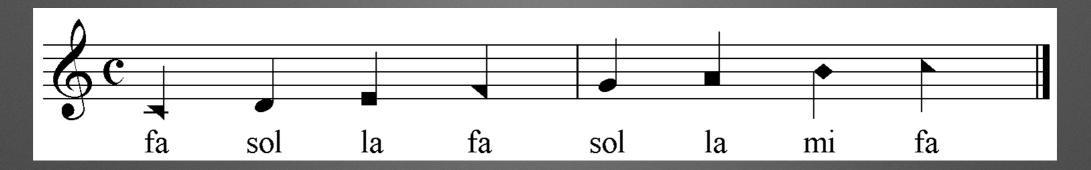
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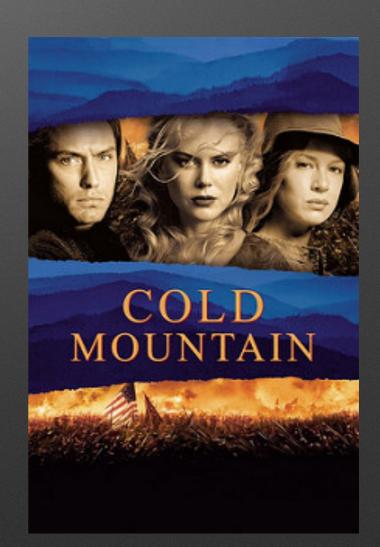
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What is Shape Note Music?



- Originated in the early 19th century to assist in sight singing
- The Sacred Harp, 1844
- Survived in rural churches of Alabama, Georgia, and Texas
- Spread in 21st century due to the internet and 2003 movie Cold Mountain



WONDROUS LOVE. 12,9,6,6,12,9.



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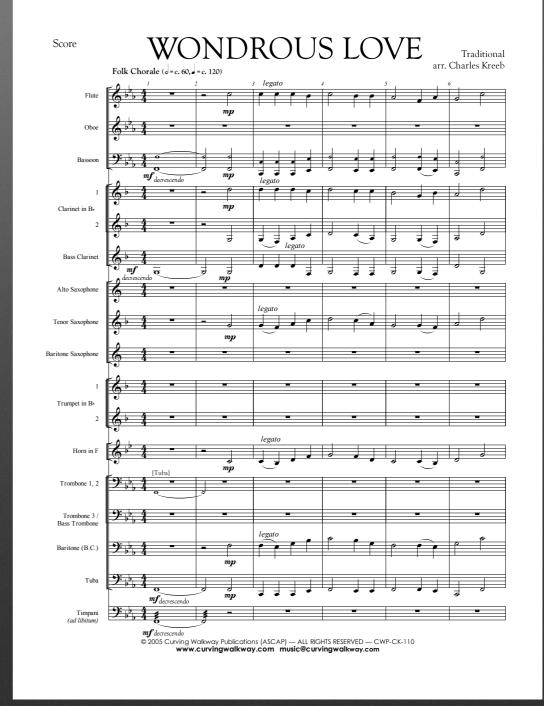
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Wondrous Love

- First published in Southern Harmony in 1840, attributed to composer James Christopher; Lyrics date to 1811
- Since 1995, ranks #21 of most popular songs
- Most used shape note tune in the wind band canon used 13 times from 1971 to 2018
- Three occurrences are Grade 2-2.5, seven are Grade 3-3.5, and three are Grade 5

Wondrous Love - Charles Kreeb Curving Walkway Publications - Grade 2 - 2:45

- Originally scored for beginner adult ensemble
- Three verses set by Kreeb
 - Verse 1: verbatim transcription of Treble, Tenor, and Bass lines
 - Verse 2: melody with imitation
 - Verse 3: transposed melody with modern harmonies
- Full Band is not orchestrated until the last two phrases of Verse 3



Wondrous - Brant Karrick Daehn Publications - Grade 3.5 - 7:15

- Commissioned by two schools near Searcy, AR, in memory of tragic events surrounding a deadly tornado that destroyed much of the town
- Begins with chorale setting, followed by more uptempo 5/4 "train" section
- Timed aleatoric section emulates the tornado followed by a calm ending and final C Major "victory" chord

Brant Karrick WONDROUS

INSTRUMENTATION

	1 – Conductor	2 – Trombone 3
	3 - Flute 1	1 – Euphonium TC
	3 – Flute 2	2 – Euphonium BC
	2 – Oboe	4 – Tuba
	2 – Bassoon	1 – Timpani
	3 – Bb Clarinet 1	3 – Mallet Percussion
	3 – Bb Clarinet 2	Orchestra Bells,
	3 – Bb Clarinet 3	Vibraphone, Xylophone,
	2 – Bb Bass Clarinet	Chimes
	2-Eb Alto Saxophone 1	3 – Percussion 1
	2 – Eb Alto Saxophone 2	Snare Drum, Train Whistle,
	2 – Bb Tenor Saxophone	Suspended Cymbal, Bass
	1 – Eb Baritone Saxophone	Drum
	2 – Bb Trumpet 1	3 - Percussion 2
	2 – Bb Trumpet 2	Suspended Cymbal, Whip,
	2 – Bb Trumpet 3	Brake Drum, Triangle,
	2 – F Horn 1	Vibraslap, Crash Cymbals,
	2 – F Horn 2	Cabasa, Temple Blocks,
	2 – Trombone 1	4 Tomtoms
	2 – Trombone 2	
	Complete Band	
Full Score 6.00		
Parts, each 1.50		

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WAYFARING STRANGER. P.M. "Thus have they loved to wander..." -- Jer. 14:10.



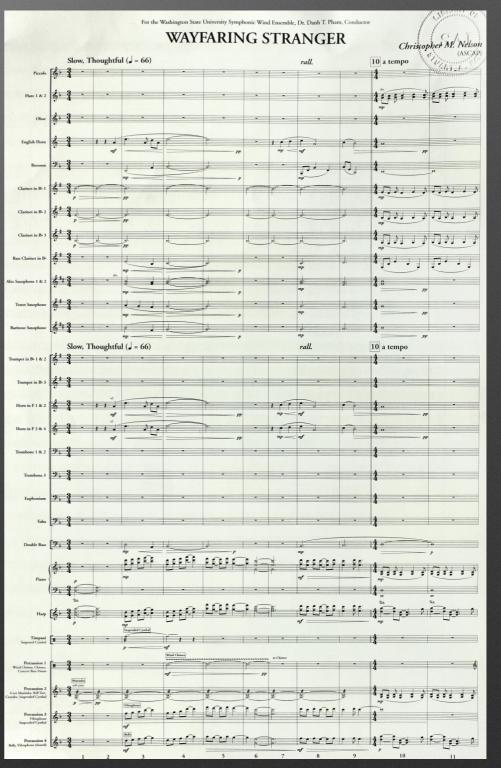
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Wayfaring Stranger

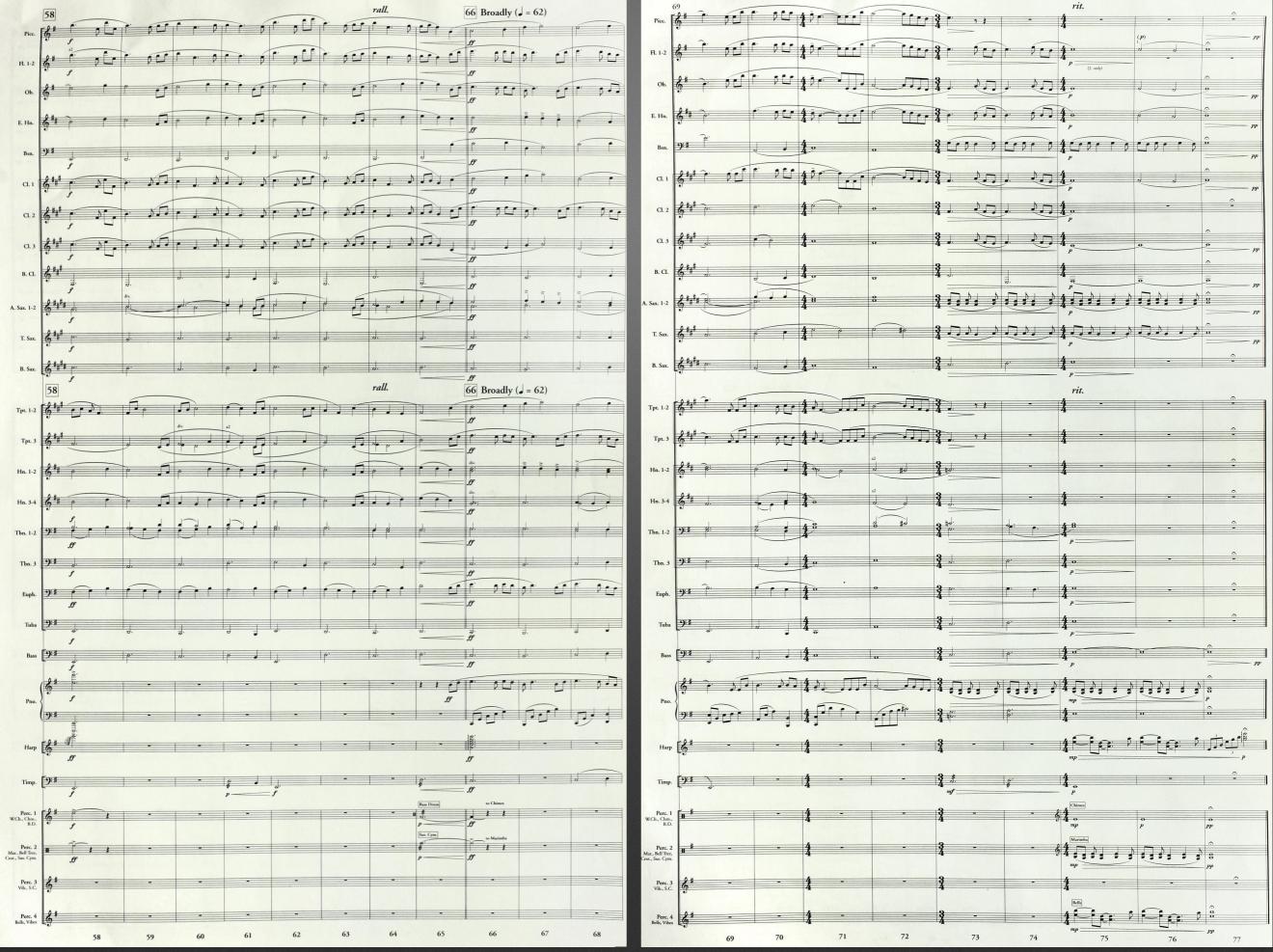
- Passed down orally with origins possibly to the late 18th century
- First published in the West Virginia Lute in 1868, first seen in four shapes in the 1908 Sacred Harp
- Covered by Joni Mitchell, Eva Cassidy, Johnny Cash, Jack White (Cold Mountain movie), Ed Sheeran
- Arranged by George Crumb for solo female voice, amplified piano, and percussion quartet

Wayfaring Stranger - Christopher Nelson C. Alan Publications - Grade 4 - 5:00

- "This setting is intended to convey not only the difficulty experienced by the Traveler, but also the resolve which is displayed as he moves forward despite hardship, and disappointment"
- Opening solo originally written for euphonium, but can be played by English Horn (or both!)
- Second half of the piece in e minor
- Uses major tonality moments to "wander" from the original minor key



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Poor Wayfaring Stranger - Andrew Boysen, Jr. Alfred Publications - Grade 4 - 4:00

- 1st movement of "Three Folk Song Settings for Band"
- Melody first heard in chalumeau clarinet to create a soft, dark contrast to the introduction
- Uses a tonal row throughout the three settings; heard in bass line and combined to form crunch chords

POOR WAYFARING STRANGER

Mvt. 1 from Three Folk Song Settings for Band

Arranged by Andrew Boysen, Jr.

Hree Folk Song Settings for Band is comprised of three folk songs, each opening with a similar motive of a rising fifth followed by a descending second. This unifying motive sets the foundation for the entire suite and is used both harmonically and melodically in each of the three movements.

The opening movement, "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," is a dramatic and dark presentation of the well-known song. Three Folk Song Settings for Band was commissioned by Russ Kramer and the Mason City (IA) High School Symphonic Band and premiered in 2007.

4 — Tuba

1 — Piano

Instrumentation

1 — Conductor Score
5 — 1st Flute/Piccolo
5 — 2nd Flute
1 — 1st Oboe
1 — 2nd Oboe
1 — 1st Bassoon
1 — 2nd Bassoon
4 — 1st B Clarinet
4 — 2nd B _b Clarinet
4 — 3rd B ₂ Clarinet
2 — By Bass Clarinet
2 — 1st E Alto Saxophone
2 — 2nd E Alto Saxophone
2 — By Tenor Saxophone
1 — E Baritone Saxophone
2 — 1st B _b Trumpet
2 — 2nd By Trumpet
2 — 3rd B Trumpet
2 — 4th By Trumpet
1 — 1st F Horn
1 — 2nd F Horn
1 — 3rd F Horn
1 — 4th F Horn

2 — 1st Trombone 2 - 2nd Trombone 2 — 3rd Trombone 1 — 4th Trombone 2 — Euphonium Percussion — 5 players: 4 — Percussion 1 (Bells/China Cymbal/ Vibraphone/Snare Drum) 4 — Percussion 2 (Tam-Tam/Marimba/Crotales/ Brake Drum) 3 — Percussion 3 (Chimes/Medium Suspended Cymbal/Field Drum) 2 — Percussion 4 (Small Suspended Cymbal/ Bass Drum) 2 — Timpani (Large Suspended Cymbal)

World Parts available for download from www.alfred.com/worldparts E_b Alto Clarinet E Contra Alto Clarinet B_b Contra Bass Clarinet 1st El Horn 2nd El Horn 3rd El Horn 4th E♭ Horn 1st Trombone in Bb T.C. 2nd Trombone in Bb T.C. 3rd Trombone in Bb T.C. 4th Trombone in Bb T.C. 1st Trombone in Bb B.C. 2nd Trombone in B_b B.C. 3rd Trombone in B_b B.C. 4th Trombone in B_b B.C. Euphonium in B_b B.C. Euphonium T.C. Tuba in B♭ T.C. Tuba in B♭ B.C. Tuba in Eb T.C. Tuba in Eb B.C. String Bass

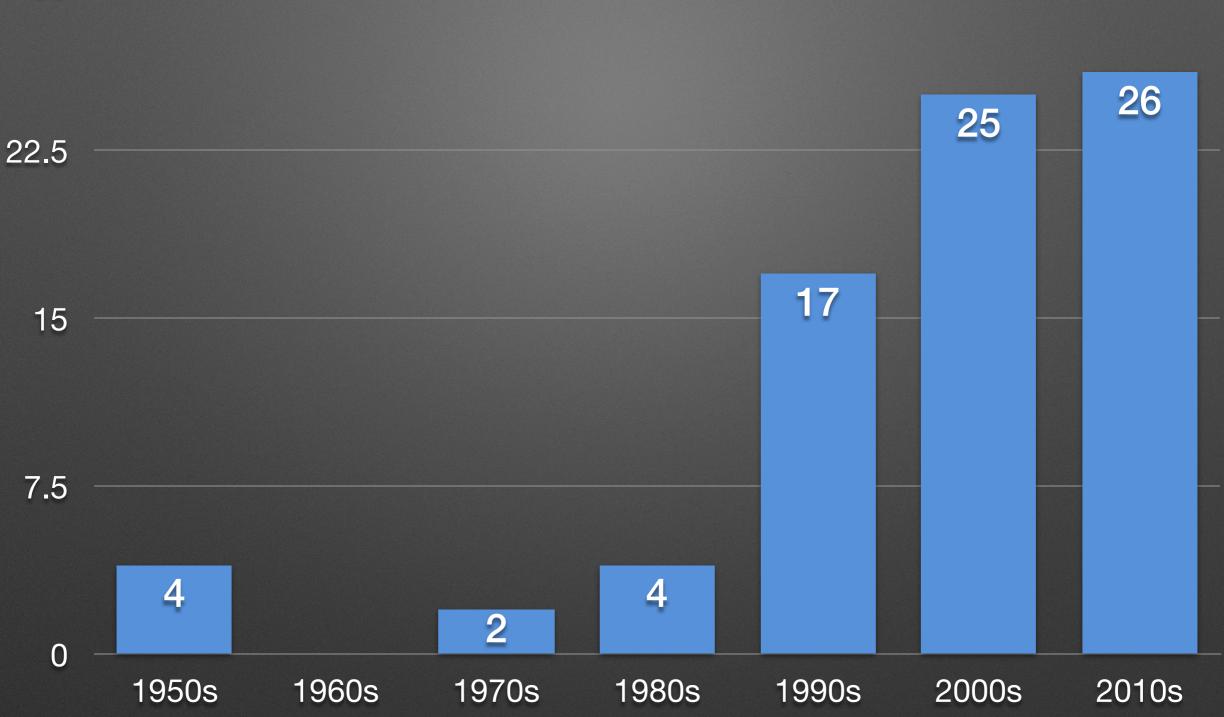
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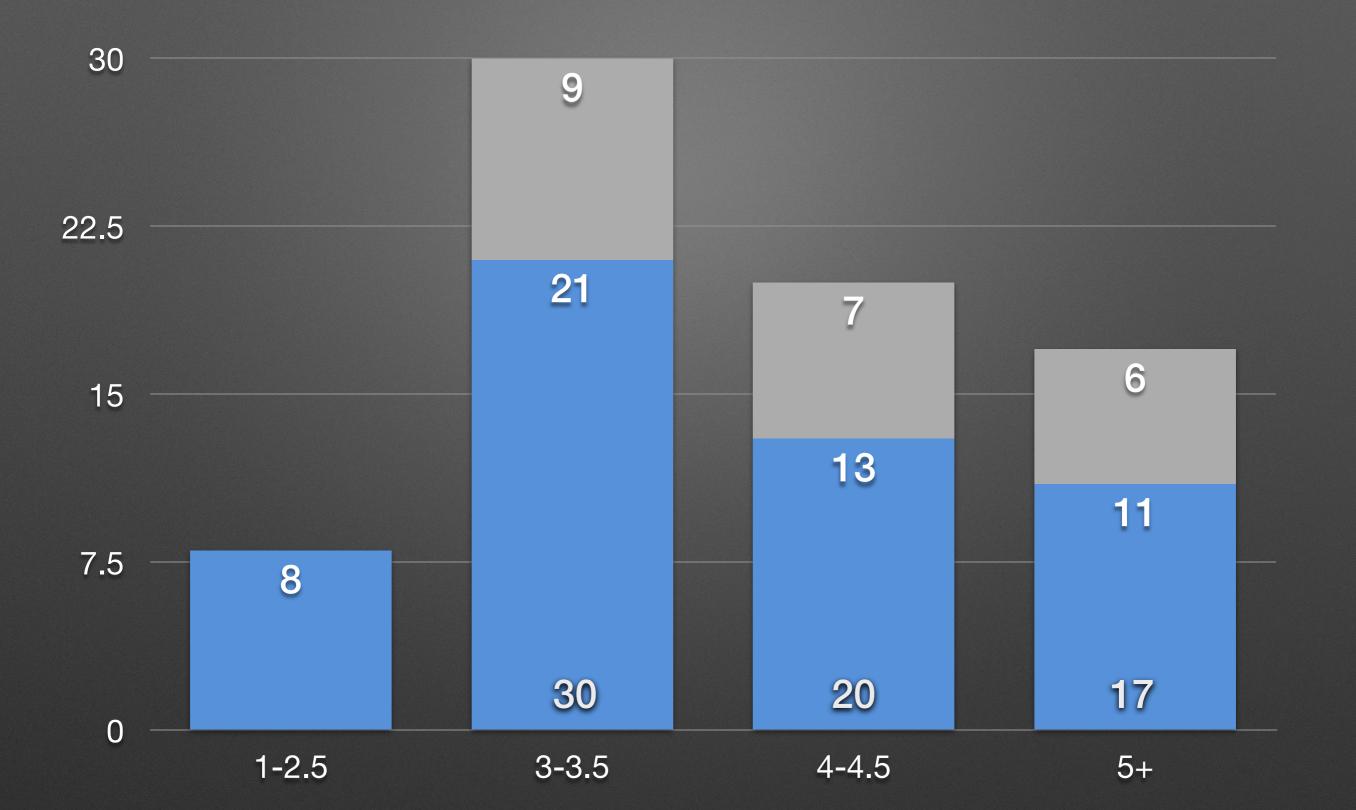
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Results from Preliminary Research

- Parameters for inclusion
- Exclusion of hymns like NETTLETON ("Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"), NEW BRITAIN ("Amazing Grace")
- 79 examples of shape note tunes used
 - 57 large scale works, 22 occurrences where multiple tunes exist within multiple movements or a medley
- 37 composers represented
 - Curnow, Grantham, Hartley, Vinson with 5+
- 45 different tunes used, 31 of which show only one occurrence
 - Wondrous Love (13), Bellevue (8)



Publication Dates of Works



Grade Level of Works

How Can I Use This Information?

- Programming/Commissioning
- Collaboration
 - Choral ensembles
 - Musicology (American Music)
 - Music Theory
 - Local singing groups (fasola.org/singings)

More Information

www.fasola.org - Information about Sacred Harp singing

www.originalsacredharp.com - Publishing Company

www.jpkarlsberg.com - leading scholar's website