Printed/Physical Product Song Sources

In a world where it seems that everything is going digital, you may ask – "Why talk about physical products?" The answer is multi-faceted, but important.

First, the majority of churches still purchase and use some physical products for audio, sheet music, and resources. Not everyone is online and not everyone likes to store their resource purchases on a computer disc that may vaporize, leaving them with all their purchases destroyed in an instant. Physical products provide a tactile resiliency and reality that is appreciated by many. Second, due to the ways in which music is sold and priced (due largely to the illegal and legal digitization of music) it is often now *more economical* to buy large collections of many songs on a physical resource. Publishers and labels have realized that they can put together 100 songs on a product and it simply saves the customer time compared to purchasing 100 different songs in a digital store. In the end, it is often cheaper to buy physical collections of 100 or more songs than to buy the equivalent songs one at a time in a digital download!

In this section are some examples of physical products for persons seeking to acquire new/additional worship songs. As noted above regarding the value of large collections, items listed here typically contain a lot of songs. We have chosen to omit "physical" resources with a small number of songs such as a typical album project songbook, instead focusing on compilation items larger in scope/content.

The Source (Volumes 1, 2, & 3)



This is a very nice praise and worship collection created by well known worship leader Graham Kendrick. Lots of popular worship songs from the UK (as well as from North America and around the world) are included. *The Source* series currently *contains over 2,200 songs*. This series is dynamic and continues to grow, as they release more editions to *The Source*. It has keyboard friendly arrangements and exhaustive indexes. Also, these bound printed songbooks typically include a CD-ROM disk containing lyric word text files for every one of the 2,200+ songs. *The Source* books can be purchased through publisher Kevin Mayhew in the UK; and they can also be purchased in North America through "Brodt Music Company." Here are two respective online vendor web pages for *The Source* books.

URL: http://bit.ly/ijTVIA (UK Buyers)
URL: http://bit.ly/gRASW0 (US/North America)
Review: **SM42**

Best Of The Best In Contemporary Praise & Worship



Best of the Best (or commonly known as *BOB*) is a songbook from Fellowship Ministries including a nice selection of 253 popular favorite worship songs from all the major North American worship music publishers. *BOB* is best used by traditional churches moving to blended worship expressions or adding contemporary music for the first time, since its catalog of songs is made up of some of the earlier praise and worship music. It does not contain any songs from the last 10 years. Still, it is an excellent collection of songs pre-2000. Again, this resource is perfect for traditional churches that are adding contemporary style music.

It has an oversize "Accompaniment Edition" available, as a "Pew Edition," a "Lead Lines Edition," and also separately sold audio preview CDs, a lyrics presentation disk formatted for Power Point and SongShow Plus display software, and more. More details can be found at the publisher's web site.

URL: http://bit.ly/eVCW77
Review: **SM43**

More Songs for Praise & Worship



The *More Songs for Praise & Worship* series songbooks are published by Word Music. After the original *Songs for Praise and Worship* songbook was released, there have subsequently been five additional numbered volumes also released in this songbook series with the titles: *More Songs for Praise & Worship* (*1*, *2*, *3*, *4* & *5*). Each of these contain a nice selection of contemporary-genre worship songs with the higher numbered editions containing the more recently released songs titles in chronological order. There is also a special volume in the series that's solely comprised of traditional hymns. Besides the standard Piano/Vocal/Guitar edition, each songbook in this series typically has several other editions available, such as separate editions for choir/worship team, keyboard, guitar, individual ensemble instruments and more. The original Songs for Praise and Worship songbook has gone into out-of-print status, but the five volumes of More Songs for Praise and Worship songbook are still available as of this writing.

URL: http://bit.ly/eRxkpU
Review: **SM44**

Celebration Hymnal



The *Celebration Hymnal* was created to offer a blended worship music songbook. Printed in 1997, it does not include any worship songs from the last 20 years. However, as a hymnal, it is *an excellent blend of classic worship songs and traditional hymns*. It has sold 2 million copies since its release.

URL: http://www.celebrationhymnal.com
Review: **SM45**

Vineyard Music Classics: Top 101 Worship Songs Of The Vineyard Songbook



Vineyard Top 101 is a bound songbook with paper pages that includes round note music notation for piano and vocals. It also includes a CD-ROM disk with printable PDF files of guitar charts in two keys, plus much more. This songbook can be purchased at the Vineyard Music web store at this URL:

URL: http://bit.ly/f5z3va
Review: **SM46**

Break Forth Songbook



The *Break Forth Worship Series* from Break Forth Ministries and Arlen Salte is an excellent blended worship collection. Besides the original *Break Forth Worship* songbook, there have also been at least 9 additional separate *Break Forth Update* supplement songbooks released to date. Separately sold, full song audio CDs are available corresponding to certain songs in the contents, and they have a "package" item for sale that includes the *Break Forth Worship* Songbook and Update #1-5 (210 songs in total). This series contains singable arrangements and a nice selection of contemporary-genre worship songs (there is an update that includes solely traditional hymns as well). More details can be found at the publisher's web site.

URL: http://bit.ly/hahydp
Review: **SM47**

The Essential Modern Worship Fakebook



The *Essential Modern Worship Fakebook* nice fake book format collection *includes 220 popular worship songs* in singable keys with a basic round note melody line notation written on a single treble staff, the written song lyrics printed below the staff, and guitar chord letter names written above the staff. This item also includes a bonus CD-ROM disk that has lots of enhanced content, including audio demonstration versions of all 220 songs, digital file enhanced chord charts, Nashville Number charts, lyric text files and overhead masters. This fake book can be purchased online from several vendors, including at the following Amazon.com web page.

URL: http://amzn.to/hzeQxL
Review: **SM48**

Worship Together Songbooks – Edition 1.0 through Edition 9.0



The *Worship Together Collection* series songs are compilations that each contain printed music notation for the songs from several individual Worship Together label album project audio recordings all included respectively within the contents of each one of the different songbooks. Each of these songbooks includes songs from 5-8 album project CDs all in one book (e.g. songs from worship album CDs by Matt Redman, Passion Band, Vicky Beeching, David Crowder, Chris Tomlin, Kutless, Third Day, Casting Crowns, Delirious?, etc). These songbooks can be purchased at several online music vendors. For example, we believe that both Encore Music and Stage Pass Music might have all of the nine volumes available at their web store URLs:

http://www.encoremusic.com
http://www.stagepass.com

When searching with an online search engine, the titles of these individual books are usually written this way: (i.e.) *Worship Together Songbook 2.0* and *Worship Together Songbook 8.0* and so on. The shortened Amazon link below is for the latest printed version (9.0), but you will find all versions are linked from this same page in Amazon (at the bottom of the page).

URL: http://amzn.to/f3c4xm
Review: **SM49**

Survivor Songbooks



The *Survivor Songbook* series has had at least 7 volume editions released to date, and their contemporary worship song selection is worth noting. Survivor Records is an imprint of Kingsway. These are hard to find anymore in North America, but I believe that the USA based River Of Life web store has several volumes available at http://www.riveroflifecbs.com . The entire series is available at Kingsway's UK based web store, but you can also find the first version (the most important in the series) at Amazon in the US at the following link.

URL: http://amzn.to/hlxJVV
Review: **SM50**

America's 200 Favorite Praise Choruses & Hymns Songbook



America's 200 Favorite Praise Choruses & Hymns Songbook published by Benson has a nice "blended" mix of traditional hymns, gospel songs, and older contemporary praise songs. While there are no songs included on it from the last 15 years, it has a treasure trove of material blended with classics before that. It is definitely worth reviewing. It can be purchased at several online music vendors, including Amazon.

URL: http://amzn.to/gKPkwm
Review: **SM51**

Sing For Joy



If you would like favorite songs from the Integrity/Hosanna catalog, the *Sing For Joy* songbook contains a collection of 100 time-tested Hosanna label songs. This particular volume has a good balance of upbeat praise songs and very melodic choruses of worship – truly taking a nice swath of great Hosanna songs. Because it was published in 2006, it is reasonably current, but contains plenty of Hosanna classics. It is very hard to find except through the publisher at this URL.

URL: http://bit.ly/ihco6s
Review: **SM52**

Wedding & Love Fake Book



Of the several wedding compilations, the *Wedding & Love Fake Book* from Hal Leonard is worth noting. This "fake-book" format songbook contains the written lyrics, round note melody line notated on a single treble staff, and the guitar chords for each of the *500+ wedding songs*. Here is the Amazon location.

URL: http://amzn.to/icMzET
Review: **SM53**

Hal Leonard Songbooks



Hal Leonard has several Christian wedding songbooks, including *Songs for a Christian Wedding*, *Christian Wedding Songs*, *Contemporary Christian Wedding Songbook*, and *A Christian Wedding*. While they do not sell direct to the public, their site allows users to add items to a cart and the user is transferred to one of the independently operated web stores that carry the item.

URL: http://www.halleonard.com
Review: **SM54**