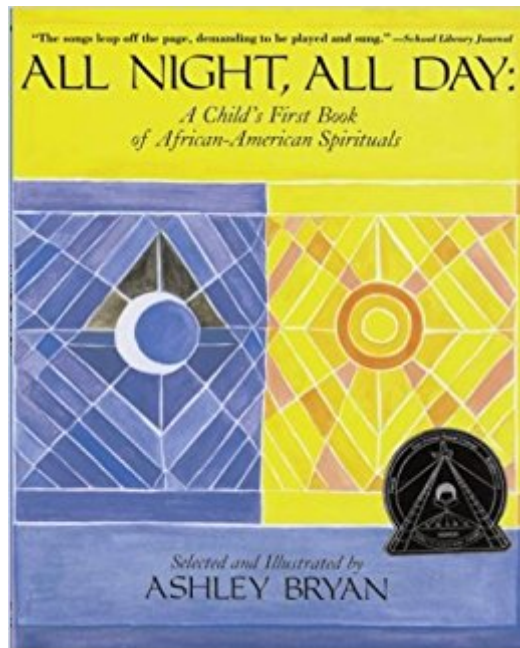


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All Night, All Day: A Child's First Book Of African-American Spirituals



Synopsis

Award-winning author and illustrator Ashley Bryan has selected twenty best-known and best-loved African-American spirituals, including the title song, "All Night, All Day," and such others as "This Little Light of Mine," "O When the Saints Go Marching In," and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Glorious full-color pictures, piano accompaniment, and guitar chords help capture the spirit and essence of these timeless songs that can be enjoyed by people of every age and every level of musical skill.

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Customer Reviews

Unique to the world of music and admired for their richly emotional content, African-American spirituals receive the celebration they deserve in this collection of songs for young children. Old favorites such as "O When the Saints Go Marching In" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" are coupled with lesser-known titles such as the collection's namesake, "All Night, All Day." All of the songs are stirring and inspirational when sung by young children. They come with guitar and piano accompaniments, as well as warmly hued, free-flowing illustrations of natural forms--waves, leaves, flower petals, stars--that suggest a feeling of radiance and hope. All Night, All Day won the Coretta Scott King Award for 1992. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kindergarten-Grade 6-- Bryan has certainly let his little light shine in this selection of 20 well-known spirituals, none of which appear in his *Walk Together Children* (Aladdin, 1981) or *I'm Going to Sing* (Atheneum, 1982; o.p.). Whereas the earlier books provided only the melody, David Manning Thomas's arrangements in this collection include full piano scores and guitar chords; the piano accompaniments are simple enough to be performed by amateur pianists, but are sufficiently challenging to remain interesting, with pleasing and appropriate harmonies. The stylized watercolor paintings, dominated by pinks, blues, and yellows, glow with the faith and hope of the songs they illustrate. From Peter ringing the bells, to Noah opening the window for the dove, to the ships sailing over on the river of Jordan, these illustrations are dynamic and full of movement, and the people and angels radiate an unearthly light. The songs leap off the page, demanding to be played and sung. --Susan Giffard, Englewood Public Library, NJCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

With deep simplicity and ageless grace, this book is art, music written out and soul for all ages.

This is a lovely book, with the lyrics and music for many traditional spirituals. The illustrations bring the book to life.

Not only is this an excellent collection of spirituals for children, it is great for adults also. The illustrations are stunning.

Bought for my Goddaughter's son. She likes it and plans to read it to him.

I really love this book it brought back memory of many songs.

This is a wonderful introduction to the beautiful art form, the Spiritual. Bryan's selection is broad and include familiar tunes along with those not so widespread. The colors are inviting and seem to dance along with the melodic melodies of the notes.

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