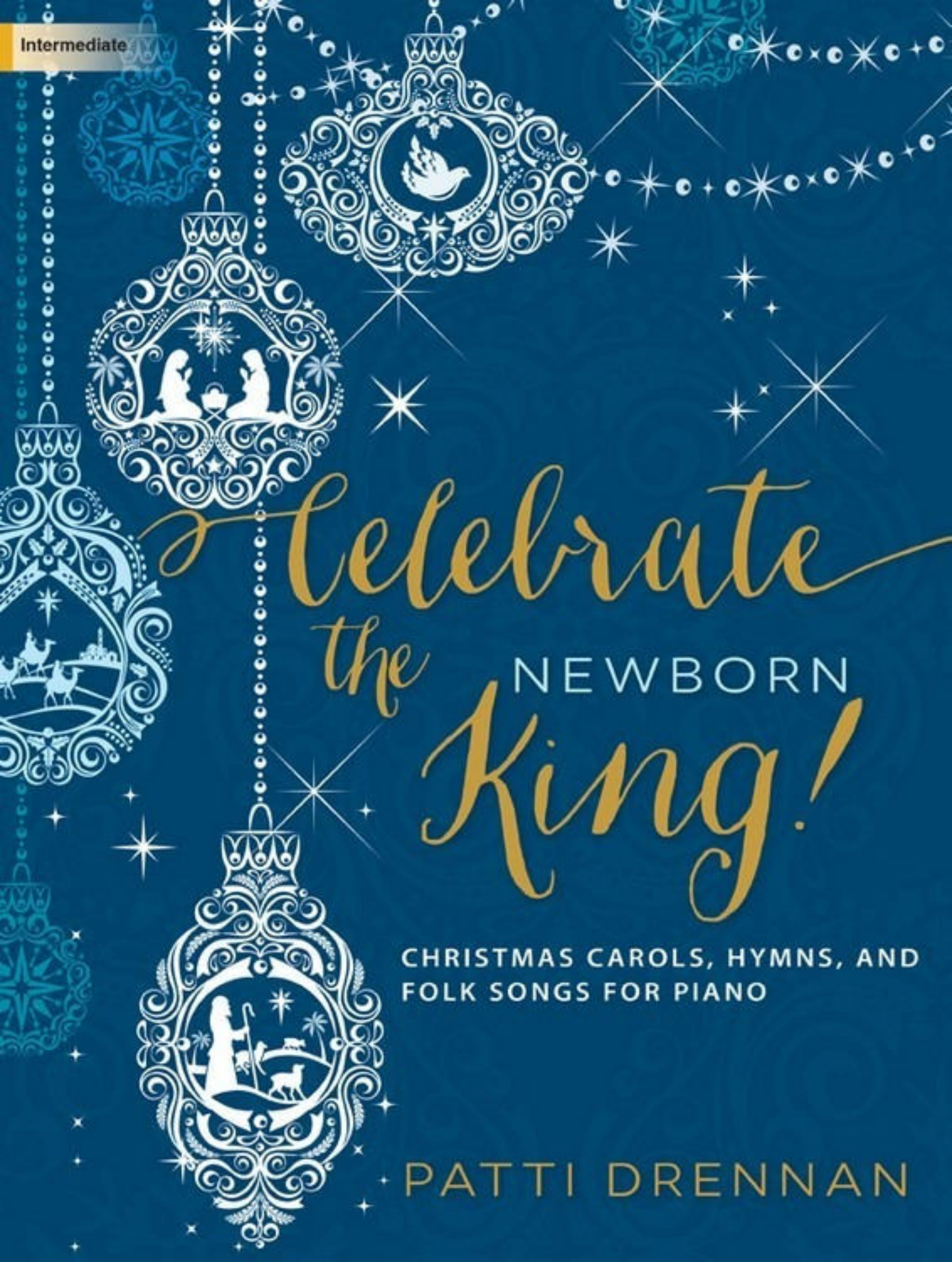


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Celebrate the NEWBORN King!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, HYMNS, AND
FOLK SONGS FOR PIANO

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FOREWORD

In my home state of Oklahoma, many recognize the beginning of the Christmas season when the local "B. C. Clark Jewelers" commercial jingle is heard on radio and on television beginning the day after Thanksgiving. This 57-year tradition is so popular that I even arranged the song for my Show Choir to sing several times over the years at concerts and holiday parties! The catchy song's familiarity often results in listeners immediately smiling and singing along.

Although a piano version of the jingle is not included in this Christmas collection, I hope you find several arrangements of timeless carols that cause you to smile, play and sing along. From the gospel styling of "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" to the gentle setting of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" woven with snippets of Erik Satie's "Gymnopedie #1," there are plenty of varied settings that will fit your particular needs. Whether you are playing in church, for other Christmas functions, or just for your personal pleasure, I hope you will thoroughly enjoy these songs of the season. Other arrangements include a lilting arrangement of the English carol "The Holly and the Ivy," a reflective meditation on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," a jazz version of "We Three Kings," and three lovely Christmas medleys.

I hope that this book brings joy to your heart and to others as you celebrate the blessed season with music. May your Christmas be filled with the love of the Christ Child, friends and family!

– Patti Drennan

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