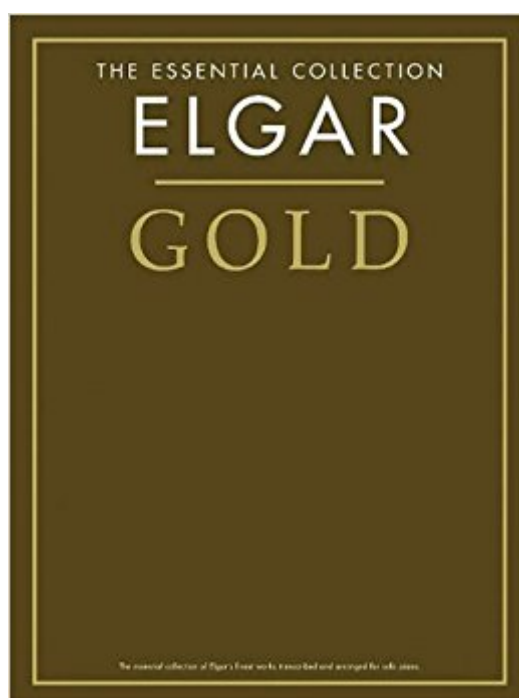


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I bought this thinking it was a collection of the various Novello editions published during Elgar's lifetime (a handful which are available through Music Masters Publications). But no.....these are 'other' arrangements, simpler than the Novello versions, but also lacking due to their more simplified configurations. Given that the Novello arrangements are now free of copyright, I'm not sure why they were passed over for these 'new' arrangements. They're okay, fun for a quick sight read of some great music, but not very satisfying from a pianists perspective.

Elgar is not a composer one normally associates with the piano, so I wouldn't have guessed that one of the volumes in Chester Music's "Gold" series would be devoted to him. Judging by what's commercially available, solo piano music was a minor portion of his output, and I don't believe anything here was originally written for piano solo. What we have are very enjoyable piano arrangements of excerpts from Elgar's oratorios, orchestral and chamber works. Difficulty is at least

intermediate and sometimes more, but if you're a fan of this composer, this is an excellent way to savor music ranging from the concert hall to the salon. The theme and Nimrod sections of the Enigma variations, the trio for Pomp and Circumstance # 4, and the opening of the First Symphony are my particular favorites since they are most familiar to me, and by themselves are worth the reasonable cost of this collection. The old warhorse 1st Pomp and Circumstance March is here as well if you feel like conjuring up anxiety flashbacks of your high school graduation. Enthusiastically recommended.

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