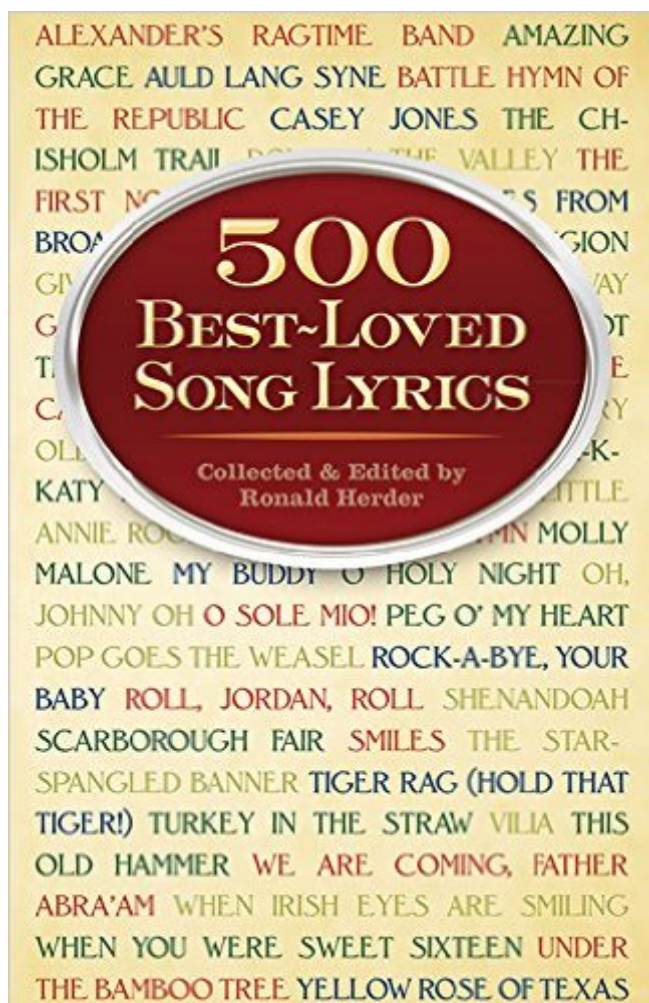


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# 500 Best-Loved Song Lyrics (Dover Books On Music)



## Synopsis

For anyone who loves to sing the great old songs, knows the melodies, but has trouble remembering some or all of the words, help is at hand in this extremely useful and unique compendium of popular song lyrics. Included are the complete lyrics for 500 well-known songs from many sources: folk songs, hymns and spirituals, nursery songs and children's play songs, patriotic and military songs, popular songs (many from Tin Pan Alley and Broadway shows), and many more. All the old favorites are here: After You've Gone, Beautiful Dreamer, Camptown Races, Danny Boy, Frankie and Johnny, Greensleeves, Home on the Range, I Love You Truly, John Henry, Kumbayah, Little Brown Jug, Molly Malone, Nobody Knows, Oh Susanna, Peg o' My Heart, Red River Valley, Shenandoah, Till We Meet Again, and hundreds more. Carefully researched, attractively printed, and sturdily bound, 500 Best-Loved Song Lyrics is the perfect companion for parties, sing-alongs, family get-togethers anywhere people gather to sing and enjoy the great songs of yesteryear.

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## Customer Reviews

It is rare to be able to find the lyrics to songs of the past; particularly if you are looking for songs by Berlin, Gershwin, Von Tilzer, Cohan, and so many of the song-writing giants of a bygone era. Most of the songs in this collection are pop standards, spirituals, folk songs, ragtime, and what-you-will. They are here with both their verses and chorus's. What a joy! What a blast from the past! And the

price is miniscule compared to the value. I would've paid the price of the book for the lyric to just one or two of the songs in this book. In most cases each song has its publishing date with the author(s) name alongside the title. I was surprised that so many of the songs I've loved were first published so long ago. Treat yourself to a volume you will treasure. Sit down at the old keyboard and sing out!

500 Songs sounds like a lot. It is fun to go through the book and see how many songs you know. I don't know who decided these were the top 500, but they did a good job. It is a book of lyrics only. I wish it had included the sheet music, musical notation. Overall I feel I got my monies worth,. I drag it out every now and then and just sing out load, even if it bothers the cat.

Do you ever find yourself singing an old familiar song and replacing most of the words with la-la-la? Do you just get started belting out an old favorite and you come to the end of the first verse too soon? Do you want to know the words to a song, but don't care about the music? This book is the answer. I can't say that it contains every song you will look for, but I can tell you that when I looked through it, it was like opening a long lost treasure. Many of the songs I had completely forgotten were there with all the verses. What a joy! I will sing all night!

This book is amazingly comprehensive in the types of songs it presents. It includes hymns, Christmas carols, spirituals, folk songs, national anthems (British, Canadian and American) and even nursery rhymes. The folk songs are mainly American, but Welsh, Scottish, Irish, French, Mexican and those of other nationalities are included as well. The author has done an excellent job. Although the coverage is very good, it omits such well-known songs as Mocking Bird Hill and Beautiful, beautiful brown eyes. Let's hope that a later edition will rectify such omissions.

I know the songs and the tunes; they jump into me and in one glance I am mentally singing with the happy tune coming from my heart. WOW ! I am glad. Page after page of happiness. At last I have all the words. The songs are rather crammed in to be contained. But there is no extraneous detail. All in all, my Kindle has gained value, at what I now consider a " small " investment.

Someone has to be able to sing the lyrics to the song at our get togethers, so I looked for a book with just the lyrics. Everyone seems to remember the tune, but not the lyrics. This book filled the bill!

First the pluses: This is a quick guide to many public domain songs and includes the authors and very frequently the year of publication. I am very glad to add it to my library. Now, the minuses: Over 100 of the 500 songs are obscure to very obscure and certainly do not deserve the title of "best loved". For example, I do not know of a song called "Annabel Lee", although it is a very famous poem by Edgar Allan Poe. It could certainly be in a book of 500 best loved American poems, but not in a book of best loved songs. Also, I did find a 1905 recording of "The Belle of Avenue A" by Arthur Collins, but it must be classified as a very obscure song and hardly a "best loved" song. Perhaps a more accurate title for this book would be "The 350 Best Loved Song Lyrics plus 150 filler songs to achieve a nice round 500 Total". Again, this book is well worth the money, but doesn't truly live up to its title.

Research indicates that singing reduces stress and blood pressure by promoting relaxation and deep breathing--as well as providing enjoyment. You don't have to be the winner of "The Voice" to sing to your heart's content--all you need is "500 Best-Loved Song Lyrics" for delight and entertainment. It's filled with traditional folk songs, ballads, patriotic songs, hymns, spirituals, children's songs, Broadway and popular songs. I've spent delightful evenings alone and with friends & family singing these best-loved songs--all ages singing together.

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