

# The Piano Guys - Simplified Favorites, Vol. 1

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**The Piano Guys : The Piano Guys - Simplified Favorites, Vol. 1** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Piano Guys - Simplified Favorites, Vol. 1:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not really easy... But love Piano Guys!By bruGood book and love their music! But did not consider this "easy."0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. the majority if the songs have the perfect amount of difficultyBy CinderellaWas hoping it would be a tiny bit more difficult, but to be honest, the majority if the songs have the perfect amount of difficulty. Had two different early intermediate students who really loved the songs they played from it because they were simple enough for them to learn, but sound somewhat difficult. Really a transition book to use to teach a lot of expression.9 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Let me start by noting that I am an upper-intermediate level piano player (the full songs by Yann Tiersen from Amelie are rightBy A. AlmanzaI bought this book and then promptly decided to return it. I decided to write a review to prevent other people from making my mistake.Let me start by noting that I am an upper-intermediate

level piano player (the full songs by Yann Tiersen from Amelie are right around my level) who was looking for some fun songs I could sight-read or possibly play with a minimal amount of work. Just a book to noodle around in, if you will. Unfortunately, there are major problems with this book if this is what you want to do. Namely...1) The level of the piano music is a little too simple. That's not to say that there aren't some licks here and there that are a little difficult and you'll need to go over them once or twice just to time them correctly, but the passages are going to sound a little hollow and not very supported by the left hand.2) There are LARGE parts of the music where the cello is needed because the cello has the melody. I played all the way through a few of the songs and they were almost unrecognizable without a cellist. Overall, I'd say if you're a piano player looking for a good book, skip this one unless you have another friend (like a cellist) who is willing to work on it with you. The 'optional' cello part is not really all that optional if you want something that's going to sound more like a song and less like repeating arpeggios. That said, if you do have a cellist friend (or someone who can at least read the cello clef in their chosen instrument), get this book! There is a separate insert with the cello part for each song and the whole book is well presented! I just wish they could arrange these songs so a second musician isn't needed. PS - I noodled a little on ALL OF ME, which does NOT have an optional cello part. From what I heard, it is a GREAT simplified version and I would recommend it to any piano players who want to play Schmidt's ALL OF ME, but are scared of trying the full version!!

(Easy Piano Personality). With their clever and inspiring takes on popular music and creative videos, The Piano Guys serve up an eclectic mix of classical, film score, rock and pop favorites that resonates with a wide variety of audiences. Play 12 of their most popular songs in these arrangements for easy piano with optional cello: All of Me \* Arwen's Vigil \* Begin Again \* Home \* Kung Fu Piano: Cello Ascends \* Moonlight \* Over the Rainbow \* Paradise \* Rolling in the Deep \* A Thousand Years \* Titanium \* Without You.