

## **Recommended Lyric Music for High School Bands**

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This list is a compilation of titles from a series of Colorado All State Band Roundtable sessions on Lyric Music for High School Bands. These titles were recommended by participating band directors. **Titles in bold were recommended or commended multiple times.**

*As with all lists, investigate any titles by listening to recordings and perusing scores. It is hoped directors will use this list to further explore, teach and perform beautiful music.*

### **Easy-Medium**

**Air for Band, Frank Erickson**

Balladair, Frank Erickson

**Prospect, Pierre LaPlante**

**Salvation is Created, Pavel Tchesnokov / Bruce Houseknecht**

*Also consider the arrangement by Michael Brown for young bands*

**Amazing Grace, William Himes**

Linden Lea, Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Rhosymedre, Ralph Vaughan Williams / Beeler**

**Blessed are They, Brahms / Beuhlman**

**Down a Country Lane, Aaron Copland / Merlin Patterson**

Evensong, William Harbinson

Ave Maria, Franz Biebl / Robert Cameron

Ye Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon, Percy Grainger

Three Chorale Preludes, William Latham

**Divinum Mysterium, arr. James Swearingen**

**On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss, David Holsinger**

Benediction, John Stevens

**Sure on this Shining Night, Samuel Barber / Saucedo**

**Nessum Dorma, arr. Johnny Vinson**

**The Grace in Being, Julie Giroux**

Evening Prayer, David Shaffer

With Every Sunset, Saucedo

Heartland Heritage, David Gorham

**Bonsai Tree, Julie Giroux**

Prelude on the 49th Parallel, Ralph Vaughan Williams

In My Garden, Kirk Vogel

Lark in the Clear Air, Clifton Taylor

**Seal Lullaby, Eric Whitacre**

Perthshire Majesty, Samuel Hazo

**Blue and Green Music, Samuel Hazo**

**Simple Gifts, Frank Ticheli**

All the Pretty Horses, Anne McGinty

Bloom, Steven Bryant

As Summer Was Just Beginning, Larry Daehn

Ammerland, Jacob de Haan

Rain, Brian Balmages

Evocation of the Spirit: Two Settings of the Ave Maria, Rachmaninoff, Arcadelt / arr. Singleton

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing, Randall Standridge

Companion of My Voice, Randall Standridge

Redemption, Rossano Gallante

Llywn Own, Brain Hogg

Mountain Thyme, Samuel Hazo

Finale, Mahler 3, arr. Richard Saucedo

Shenendoah, Frank Ticheli

Allerseelen, Richard Strauss / arr. Albert O. Davis

Song for Lindsay, Andrew Boysen Jr.

Sussex Mummer's Christmas Carol, Percy Grainger / arr. Stotter

Make Our Garden Grow (from "Candide"), Leonard Bernstein / arr. Joseph Kreines

In My Father's Eyes, Julie Giroux

With Quiet Courage, Larry Daehn

Star Ship, Nishimura

Ave Maria, Frank Ticheli

Then I Saw the Lucent Sky, Todd Stalter

Hymn to the Saints, P. Tchaikovsky / trans. Kenneth Singleton

Fire of Eternal Glory, D. Shostakovich, arr. Timothy Rhea

Largo, S. Yagisawa

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**Advanced**

**O Magnum Mysterium, Lauridsen / Reynolds**

**Contre Qui Rose, Lauridsen / Reynolds**

**Colonial Song, Percy Grainger**

**An American Elegy, Ticheli**

A Solemn Place, Wayne Oquin

**My Jesus, Oh What Anguish, Bach / Reed**

Numerous Bach Chorales (Alfred Reed transcriptions)

**The Promise of Living from the Tenderland, Aaron Copland / Singleton**

**Nimrod from Enigma Variations, Edward Elgar / Slocum or Reed or Patterson**

When Jesus Wept, Schuman (from New England Triptich), William Schuman

**He Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just, Bach / James Croft**

**October, Eric Whitacre**

Pacem, Robert Spittal

**Hymn of Brotherhood, Egbert van Groningen**

Hymn for the Innocent, Julie Giroux

Sheltering Sky, John Mackey

Dusk, Steven Bryant

Fantasy on a Japanese Folksong, Samuel Hazo

Rest, Frank Ticheli

Lux Arumque, Eric Whitacre

Elegy, John Barnes Chance

Elegy for a Yount American, Ronald LoPresti

Amazing Grace, Frank Ticheli

**Irish Tune from County Derry, Percy Grainger**

Hold This Boy and Listen, Carter Pann

**Sleep, Eric Whitacre**

Song for Band, William Bolcom

**Adagio Sostenuto, Movement II from Symphony for Band, Vincent Persichetti**

**Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral, Richard Wagner**

Be Thou My Vision, David Gillingham

**Walls of Zion, Greg Danner**

Hymn for the Lost and Living, Eric Ewazen

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