# William Joseph Within Songbook: A Comprehensive Guide to the Hymns and Songs of a Renowned American Composer

William Joseph Within (1881-1963) was an American composer, organist, and choirmaster known for his prolific output of sacred music. His hymns and songs have been widely performed in churches and Christian gatherings for over a century.

# **Early Life and Musical Education**

Within was born in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on October 25, 1881. He showed an early aptitude for music and began taking piano lessons at the age of five. By the age of 12, he was playing the organ in his local church. He later studied music at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, where he graduated in 1902.



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### Career as a Composer

Within's career as a composer began in the early 1900s. He composed a wide range of sacred music, including hymns, anthems, motets, and cantatas. His music is characterized by its melodic beauty, harmonic richness, and strong sense of rhythm.

One of Within's most famous hymns is "Within a Mile of Eden." This hymn was written in 1904 and has since become a standard in many Christian hymnals. Other popular hymns by Within include "The Old Rugged Cross," "Shelter Me, O God," and "O for a Closer Walk with God."

# **Legacy and Impact**

William Joseph Within's music continues to be performed and enjoyed by Christians around the world. His hymns and songs have been translated into many languages and are used in churches of various denominations.

Within's music has had a profound impact on Christian worship. His hymns and songs have helped to inspire and encourage believers for over a century. He is considered one of the most important composers of sacred music in American history.

## William Joseph Within Songbook

The William Joseph Within Songbook is a collection of over 100 hymns and songs by the composer. The songbook includes some of Within's most famous works, such as "Within a Mile of Eden," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "O for a Closer Walk with God."

The songbook is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the sacred music of William Joseph Within. It provides a comprehensive collection of

his hymns and songs, along with historical notes and commentary.

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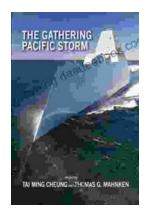


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