

Searching by Hymn Tune

What marks this time of year more than the music of the season? Not much! To find just the right setting for that particular place in worship for the congregation, choir, organ, and/or an instrumental accompaniment adds immeasurably to the worship. The CMI libraries are rich with resources for just this purpose with both choral and organ libraries searchable by hymn tune. (Pianists can search the organ library by checking the “manuals only” box.) Here are a few tips.

- Search the choral library by hymn tune and an instrument for music to enrich congregational singing.
- Use “Congregation” as a second choir along with the hymn tune in the choral library for ideas for congregational singing. Whether or not the choir parts are used, there will be an introduction, alternate harmonization(s), and usually a descant for a few singers or a line for an organ solo stop or instrument to add to the singing of the melody.
- Expand a hymn tune search to additional settings using non-seasonal texts. Tunes migrate! For example:

Tune	Seasonal Text	Non-Seasonal Text
STUTTGART	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	O My Soul Bless Your Redeemer
HYFRYDOL	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM	Creator of the Stars of Night	O Radiant Light
ABERYSTWYTH	Watchman, Tell Us of the Night	Jesus, Lover of My Soul
FOREST GREEN	O Little Town of Bethlehem	I Sing the Almighty Power of God
DIX	As with Gladness Men of Old	For the Beauty of the Earth
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR	What Star Is This	That Easter Day with Joy

Organ hymn tune settings often are published in seasonal collections. Now the CMI Organ Library helps locate settings useful in more than one season. Choral concertatos can be used with alternate texts too. Let your imagination wander!