

MY HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES ME / I FEEL MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

The best arrangement I've ever heard of "My Heavenly Father Loves Me" came from Shadow Mountain Records' *Popcorn Bopping* CD. My wife discovered this version of the song, and I became obsessed with it and played it over and over. The timing changes from the original 3/4 to 4/4, which slows the pace down and creates a more palpable sense of awe and reverence especially as you think about the world around us as a symbol of God's love. My daughter has performed this arrangement in church and on other occasions, and the power of the music has brought tears to my eyes more than once.

As I was thinking about some of my other favorite Primary songs, I realized that "I Feel My Savior's Love" shares the same message. So it seemed right to have these two songs sung together. These songs have the message of looking around you, seeing the majesty and beauty of the earth, and realizing it is a sign of God's love for His children. Alma aptly described this as he testified to Korihor the anti-Christ in Alma 30:44, "All things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator."

Tips

- During the mash-up, it is harder to sing "I Feel My Savior's Love" since the piano plays "My Heavenly Father Loves Me," so have the stronger singers or a soloist perform the mash-up.
- During the mash-up when one part is doing triplets and the other quarter notes, put the music down, keep the basic beat, and you will eventually flow to the same spot before you know it.
- On measure 42, watch out for the person singing "I Feel My Savior's Love." Make sure they sing a D there unlike the previous solo verse where they sing an E.

Performance Suggestions

- Duet
- Adult choir or children's choir
 - During the mash-up, the piano plays "My Heavenly Father Loves Me," so put the younger children on that part because it will be easier to follow.
 - I did this with an adult choir and had the women sing "My Heavenly Father Loves Me" and the men sing "I Feel My Savior's Love."