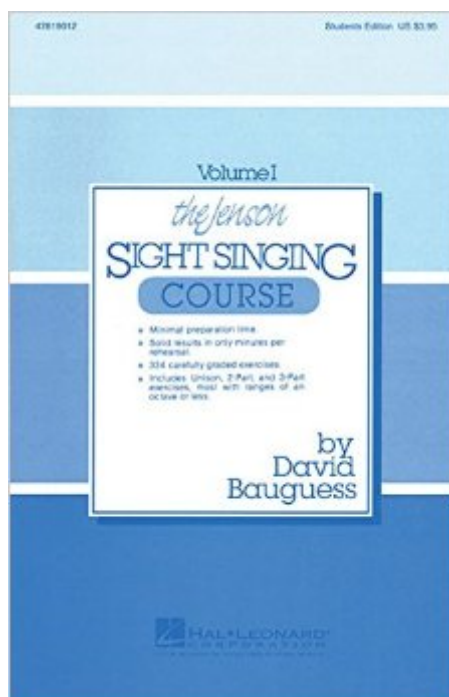


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After teaching musicianship for many years at a major conservatory, I have recently done a lot of searching for a good sight-singing/musicianship method book for my high school choir, and have settled on The Jensen Method as the best of the bunch. There are a lot of innovative features to this book, though it is firmly rooted in the Kodaly tradition that has proven so universally successful in music education. One of the most persistent problems in the teaching of sight-singing is the tendency to try to teach too much too soon. The inexperienced teacher will try to teach the whole ball of wax before the student is ready to start singing, or at least a certain "critical mass" of information they think students need regarding the music notation system. Teachers will typically try to teach about staves, middle C, time signatures, key signatures, clefs, dotted rhythms, compound meter, the whole nine yards, all before the student is allowed to start singing! This is precisely the

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