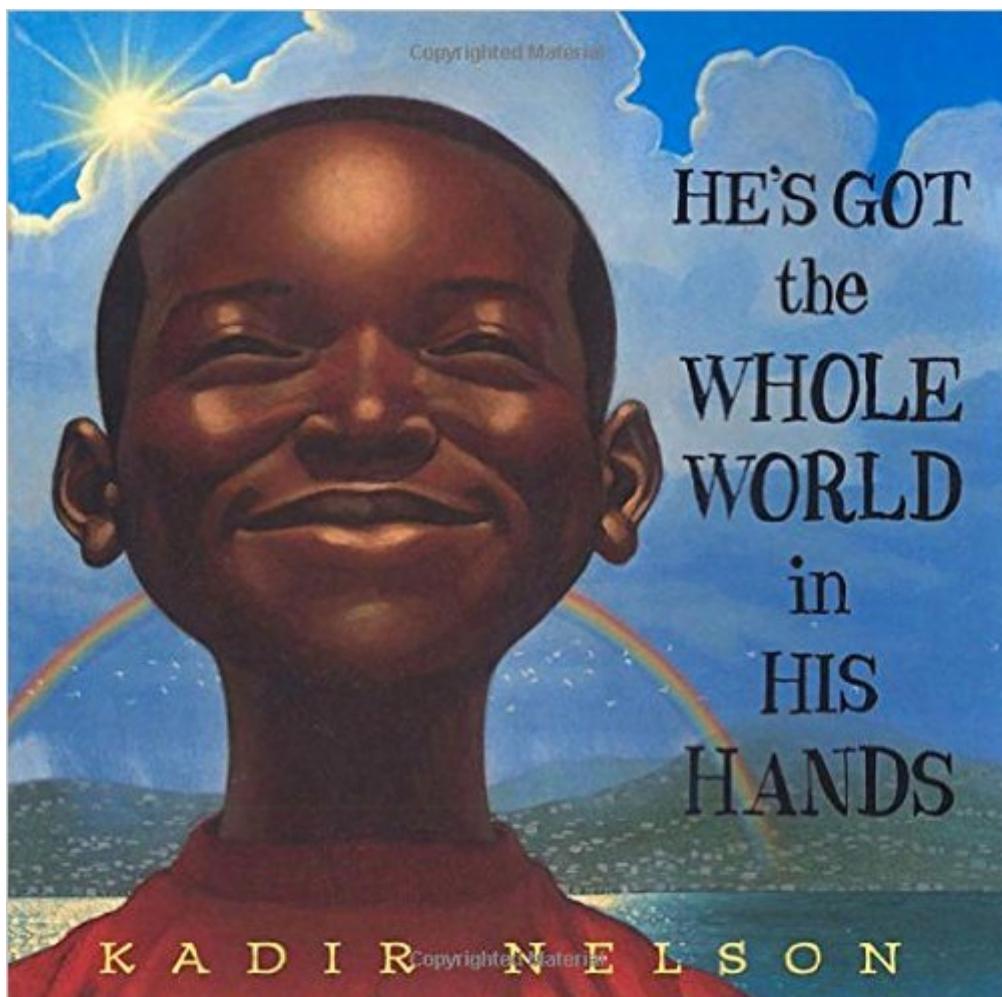


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# He's Got The Whole World In His Hands



## **Synopsis**

What began as a spiritual has developed into one of America's best-known songs, and now for the first time it appears as a picture book, masterfully created by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson. Through sublime landscapes and warm images of a boy and his family, Kadir has created a dazzling, intimate interpretation, one that rejoices in the connectedness of people and nature. Inspired by the song's simple message, Kadir sought to capture the joy of living in and engaging with the world. Most importantly, he wished to portray the world as a child might see it: "vast and beautiful."

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Incredible! How can this be the first review from readers? Reviewer mcHAIKU is dumbfounded because Kadir Nelson's optimistic & colorful paintings should inspire everyone to at least say "Thank You" or "AMEN"! What a wonderful book to share with children, and not only in \*Sunday School\* . . . the song has been a favorite for years at youth camps. Those places & occasions where we are free to voice such beliefs may become fewer. Our reaction should therefore be more convincing. I love the fact that Nelson drew (& colored) the "kid drawings" - - with his left hand! Take a moment to appreciate a children's book that pictures almost entirely black people. And don't call that artificial. I call it necessary to the self-image of a large segment of our population. Let's share

Nelson's inspirational book that wants readers (and listeners) to become INVOLVED, then get out & do some things that could make it happen for everybody, everywhere.

Kadir Nelson's illustrations are absolutely gorgeous. That is to be expected of this talented and unique artist. Although I've heard the song a hundred times through my life, hearing them in the middle of the night recently was life-changing. After a c-section birth I was feeling that warm but worrisome, awed but aware, content but concerned high emotion stress that most new Moms feel. In the middle of the night I awakened to hear the words of this story being read to my one week old daughter by her Daddy, my husband. Although he was reading to HER, it was a lullaby to me and it restored my usual assuredness and happiness. It was a wonderful reminder that "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." I look forward to sharing this story as my girl grows and hope she learns to trust the sentiment as well as appreciate the beautiful things in life, like Kadir Nelson's lovely pictures.

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" is currently my son's favorite song; he sings it nearly every day, so as soon as I saw this book, I had to buy it. I'm so glad I did. The lyrics to this spiritual-turned-favorite-hymn provide all the text. Written music is also provided on the last page. The illustrations are what truly make this book exceptional. Award-winning artist Kadir Nelson chose San Francisco as his setting. The illustrations feature a multiethnic family living in and engaging the world from a child's perspective. What I Like: Everything! The colors, the size, the diversity, the message of faith and community. The illustrations are magnificent! The entire book is quite striking. I love it! Better yet my kids do too. :) What I Dislike: Nothing. Overall Rating: Excellent. Tanya -- Christian Children's Book Review

This book is sweet and to the point, and we loved that it has an Malawian/African-looking boy on the cover, and featured inside, because my wife and I are adopting from Ethiopia. We're very glad for the purchase. Loyal Frisbie & Julie Knudsen Orlando, FL

I bought this book for my 2 year old son and he loves it, requests it several times a day and has started to sing the song. I think it's safe to guess you already know the words in the book, so I will just make a brief comment about the illustrations - they are absolutely beautiful, from start to finish. I highly recommend this wonderful book for children.

Very nice book, especially the illustrations. Love that the characters are black, not just light to medium brown skin peoples, but darker skin also gets representation in this book. There really isn't a story line, it's just a verson of the song in print. Its really about the illustrations which are really nice. My daughter enjoys it quite a bit. We usually just end up sing the pages other than reading.

My sister is currently teaching English in Zambia for the Peace Corps. She requested this book and loves it. She appreciates the repetitiveness of the words to help teach English and loves that the pictures depict a well functioning black family. The words are the same as from the song with the same name, so you could theoretically, sing the words as you looked at the pictures. If I remember correctly, there was a page of the music in the back.

KADIR NELSON IS MY FAVORITE. The illustrations in this book are consistent with his other works: high quality, beautiful, life-like paintings. If you want to get someone a magnificent book, it's this. I teach first grade. I have so many Kadir nelson books now. I have yet to be disappointed.

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