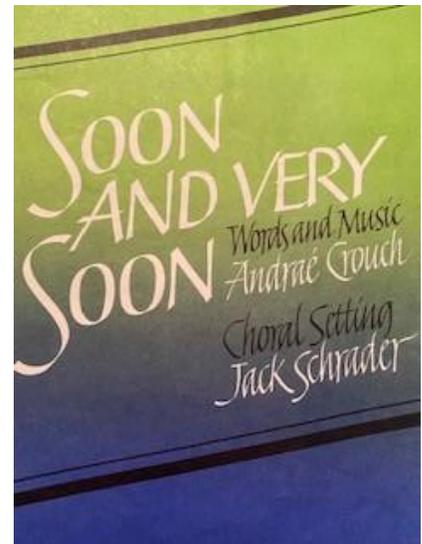


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If you were to ask choir members which anthems they most enjoy singing, chances are that SOON AND VERY SOON would be one of them. It's a wonderfully rhythmic "gospel" piece singers can really get into! Composer Andraé Crouch had such a gift for creating the most AMAZING music ...

Andraé was the son of hard-working parents who owned a dry cleaning business and a restaurant while also operating a Christian street-preaching ministry and a hospital and prison ministry. When Crouch was 11, he began playing for services in the family church. Sitting down at the piano, he managed to find the key in which the congregation was singing and just started to play! He honed his piano skills and wrote his first gospel song at age 14. At 18 he formed his first band and then a singing group called "The Disciples."



Crouch has been credited as a key figure in composing "Jesus music" of the '60's and '70's, in bringing contemporary Christian music into the Church – and with helping to bridge the gap between Black and White Christian music, revolutionizing the sound of urban Gospel music.



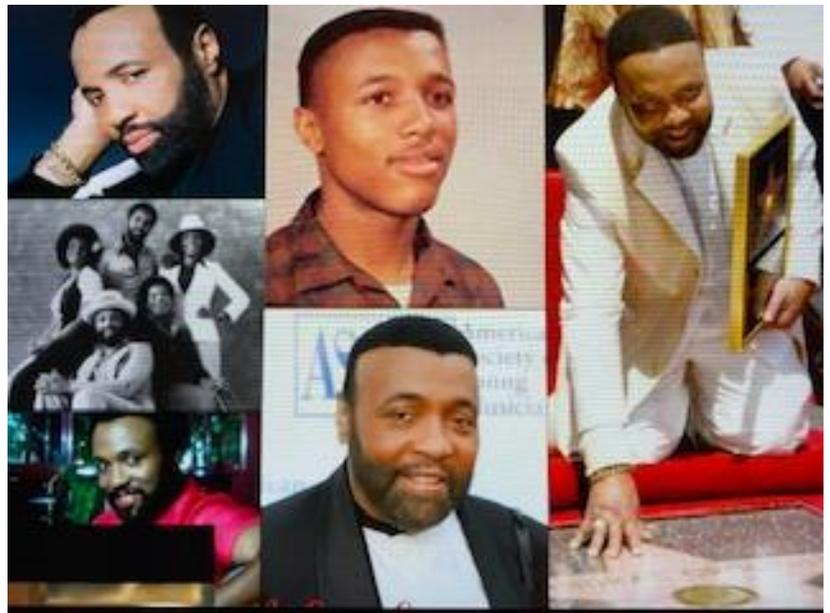
As composer of original music for "The Lion King" and also "The Color Purple" (for which he was nominated for an Oscar), he won a total of 9 Grammys and countless other awards.

If you have NMCC's first CD – go find it – and you can listen to our own choir sing SOON AND VERY SOON! If not, [click on this link](#) and listen to Andraé himself sing it!

It has been the music of choice for many memorial services at NMCC and the Andraé Crouch Choir sang it at the public memorial service for Michael Jackson in 2009.

Andraé Crouch died of a heart attack January 8, 2015 at the age of 72 – but he left behind a HUGE legacy of unforgettable music which will resound forever within the hearts of those that hear it.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THE LIFE OF ANDRAÉ CROUCH!!!



Andraé Crouch (1942 - 2015)

