



Song of the Sleigh Riders

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(1844-1928)**

Robert A. Glenn (1844-1928) was born in Salem, North Carolina, serving as Lieutenant in Company I of the 22nd North Carolina Infantry during the Civil War. After the War, he relocated to Illinois to become a music teacher and taught in Flora and Mcleansboro. He later left teaching and opened Glenn's Music Store in Murphysboro. He was an active member of the First Methodist church of Murphysboro. After ill health forced his retirement, he and his wife moved to Lawrenceville. He published a number of music collections for use in churches, singing schools, and music conventions. Some of his hymns and songs appeared in other music collections published in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. One of his most famous songs is "My Old Cottage Home" which was later recorded by the Carter Family and is popular with bluegrass artists.

Away we go o'er the glistening snow
While the moonbeams sparkle bright;
Away we go though the cold winds blow,
And merry our hearts tonight.

*Oh, hear the merry bells a-ringing,
And the boys and girls a-singing
Merrily, merrily on we're bound,
While the moonbeams sparkle brightly,
Lover's hearts are beating lightly,
Bounding merrily on.*

With cheerful hearts we will glide along,
While the wintery breezes blow;
O'er hill and dale ring our merry song
As merrily on we go.

Away, away, let each heart be gay,
Now a thrilling song we'll sing;
The hours of joy soon will pass away,
Now let the merry sleigh bells ring.

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*Composer's note: Use sleigh bells and whip, or small torpedoes in chorus.

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S
A
T
B

A - way we go o'er the glis - t'ning snow While the

S
A
T
B

moon - beams spar - kle bright; A - way we go tho' the

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S cold winds blow, And mer - ry our hearts to - night.

A cold winds blow, And mer - ry our hearts to - night.

T cold winds blow, And mer - ry our hearts to - night.

B cold winds blow, And mer - ry our hearts to - night.

CHORUS

S Oh, hear the bells, Then

A Oh, hear the mer - ry bells a - ring - ing, And the boys and girls a - sing - ing

T Oh, hear the mer - ry bells a - ring - ing, And the boys and girls a - sing - ing

B Oh, hear the mer - ry bells a - ring - ing, And the boys and girls a - sing - ing

11

S mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we're bound, All

A Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we're bound, we're bound,

T Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we're bound, we're bound,

B Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on we're bound, we're bound,

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S hearts keep time, As

A While the moon - beams spar - kle bright - ly, Lov - er's hearts are beat - ing light - ly,

T 8 While the moon - beams spar - kle bright - ly, Lov - er's hearts are beat - ing light - ly,

B While the moon - beams spar - kle bright - ly, Lov - er's hearts are beat - ing light - ly,

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S mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly on.

A Bound - ing mer - ri - ly, bound - ing mer - ri - ly on.

T 8 Bound - ing mer - ri - ly, bound - ing mer - ri - ly on.

B Bound - ing mer - ri - ly, bound - ing mer - ri - ly on.

VERSE TWO

S With cheer - ful hearts we will glide a - long, While the

A With cheer - ful hearts we will glide a - long, While the

T 8 With cheer - ful hearts we will glide a - long, While the

B With cheer - ful hearts we will glide a - long, While the

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S
win - t'ry breez - es blow; O'er hill and dale ring our

A
win - t'ry breez - es blow; O'er hill and dale ring our

T
win - t'ry breez - es blow; O'er hill and dale ring our

B
win - t'ry breez - es blow; O'er hill and dale ring our

22

S
mer - ry song As mer - ri - ly on we go.

A
mer - ry song As mer - ri - ly on we go.

T
mer - ry song As mer - ri - ly on we go.

B
mer - ry song As mer - ri - ly on we go.

VERSE THREE

25

S
A - way, a - way, let each heart be gay, Now a

A
A - way, a - way, let each heart be gay, Now a

T
A - way, a - way, let each heart be gay, Now a

B
A - way, a - way, let each heart be gay, Now a

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28

S
thrill - ing song we'll sing; The hours of joy soon will

A
thrill - ing song we'll sing; The hours of joy soon will

T
thrill - ing song we'll sing; The hours of joy soon will

B
thrill - ing song we'll sing; The hours of joy soon will

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S
pass a - way, Now let the mer - ry sleigh bells ring.

A
pass a - way, Now let the mer - ry sleigh bells ring.

T
pass a - way, Now let the mer - ry sleigh bells ring.

B
pass a - way, Now let the mer - ry sleigh bells ring.

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