



# **Song of the Skaters**

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**(1839-1926)**

**Samuel Wesley Martin** (1839-1926) was born in Plainfield, Illinois, although some suggest he was born in England. He was organist and choirmaster at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois, and was Director of the Musical Conservatory of Wheaton College. He also taught music in the public schools in Clarinda, Iowa. He wrote hymns, sacred pieces, and secular songs. With W. H. Walter, he published "The Welcome Hour, for Use in Singing Schools, Choirs, Social Circles, Musical Conventions, Glee Clubs, Concerts, Etc." His most well-known song is "The Gospel Bells are Ringing."

The stars are bright in the sky tonight,  
The air is cool and clear,  
The skaters are out with a merry shout  
That echoes far and near;  
Away! away! we will not stay,  
Away o'er the frozen track,  
With laugh and song we will glide along,  
'Till our comrades call us back.  
O'er the ice and frozen snow, follow me, follow me.

Our skates keep time to the skater's rhyme,  
As swiftly on we glide,  
We laugh and sing 'till the echoes ring,  
Thro' the blue dome far and wide,  
O, swift we go o'er the ice below,  
As the eagle leaves the air,  
Our smiles are bright and our hearts are light,  
And we know no thought of care.  
O'er the ice and frozen snow, follow me, follow me.

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**Allegro**

*Staccato sempre*

S  
The stars are bright in the sky to - night, The air is cool and clear, Ho, ho, ho, The

A  
The stars are bright in the sky to - night, The air is cool and clear, Ho, ho, ho, The

T  
The stars are bright in the sky to - night, The air is cool and clear, Ho, ho, ho, The

B  
The stars are bright in the sky to - night, The air is cool and clear, Ho, ho, ho, The

6  
S  
skat - ers are out with a mer - ry shout That ech - oes far and near, Ho, ho, ho, That

A  
skat - ers are out with a mer - ry shout That ech - oes far and near, Ho, ho, ho, That

T  
skat - ers are out with a mer - ry shout That ech - oes far and near, Ho, ho, ho, That

B  
skat - ers are out with a mer - ry shout That ech - oes far and near, Ho, ho, ho, That

10  
S  
ech - oes far and near; A - way! a - way! we will not stay, A -

A  
ech - oes far and near; A - way! a - way! we will not stay, A -

T  
ech - oes far and near; A - way! a - way! we will not stay, A -

B  
ech - oes far and near; A - way! a - way! we will not stay, A -

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S way o'er the froz - en track, Ho, ho, ho, With laugh and song we will glide a - long, 'Till our

A way o'er the froz - en track, Ho, ho, ho, With laugh and song we will glide a - long, 'Till our

T way o'er the froz - en track, Ho, ho, ho, With laugh and song we will glide a - long, 'Till our

B way o'er the froz - en track, Ho, ho, ho, With laugh and song we will glide a - long, 'Till our

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S com - rades call us back, fol - low me, fol - low me,

A com - rades call us back, fol - low me, fol - low me,

T com - rades call us back, fol - low me, fol - low me,

B com - rades call us back, Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho,

22

S O'er the ice and froz - en snow, fol - low me, fol - low me, Ho,

A O'er the ice and froz - en snow, fol - low me, fol - low me, Ho,

T O'er the ice and froz - en snow, fol - low me, fol - low me, Ho,

B ho, O'er the ice and froz - en snow, Ho, ho, ho, ho, ho,

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26

S fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me, Ho, ho, ho, fol - low me, Ho, ho, ho, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low

A ho, fol - low me, fol - low me, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low

T ho, fol - low me, fol - low me, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low

B ho, fol - low me, fol - low me, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low

30

S me, Ho, ho! Our skates keep time to the skat - er's rhyme, As

A me, Ho, ho! Our skates keep time to the skat - er's rhyme, As

T me, Ho, ho! Our skates keep time to the skat - er's rhyme, As

B me, Ho, ho! Our skates keep time to the skat - er's rhyme, As

34

S swift - ly on we glide, Ho, ho, ho, We laugh and sing 'till the ech - oes ring, Thro' the

A swift - ly on we glide, Ho, ho, ho, We laugh and sing 'till the ech - oes ring, Thro' the

T swift - ly on we glide, Ho, ho, ho, We laugh and sing 'till the ech - oes ring, Thro' the

B swift - ly on we glide, Ho, ho, ho, We laugh and sing 'till the ech - oes ring, Thro' the

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S blue dome far and wide, Ho, ho, ho, Thro' the blue dome far and wide, O,

A blue dome far and wide, Ho, ho, ho, Thro' the blue dome far and wide, O,

T blue dome far and wide, Ho, ho, ho, Thro' the blue dome far and wide, O,

B blue dome far and wide, Ho, ho, ho, Thro' the blue dome far and wide, O,

42

S swift we go o'er the ice be - low, As the ea - gle leaves the air, Ho, ho, ho, Our

A swift we go o'er the ice be - low, As the ea - gle leaves the air, Ho, ho, ho, Our

T swift we go o'er the ice be - low, As the ea - gle leaves the air, Ho, ho, ho, Our

B swift we go o'er the ice be - low, As the ea - gle leaves the air, Ho, ho, ho, Our

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S smiles are bright and our hearts are light, And we know no thought of care.

A smiles are bright and our hearts are light, And we know no thought of care.

T smiles are bright and our hearts are light, And we know no thought of care.

B smiles are bright and our hearts are light, And we know no thought of care. Ho, ho, ho,

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S  
fol - low me, fol - low me, O'er the ice and froz - en snow,

A  
fol - low me, fol - low me, O'er the ice and froz - en snow,

T  
fol - low me, fol - low me, O'er the ice and froz - en snow,

B  
ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, O'er the ice and froz - en snow, Ho,

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S  
fol - low me, fol - low me, Ho, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me, Ho, ho, ho, fol - low

A  
fol - low me, fol - low me, Ho, ho, fol - low me, fol - low

T  
fol - low me, fol - low me, Ho, ho, fol - low me, fol - low

B  
ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, fol - low me, fol - low

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S  
me, Ho, ho, ho, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me, Ho, ho!

A  
me, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me, Ho, ho!

T  
me, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me, Ho, ho!

B  
me, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low, fol - low me, Ho, ho!

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