



# **Coasting Song**

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The moon shines bright on the meadows white,  
The night is clear and still.  
And the crystals glow on the crusted snow,  
Then hey for the Coasting Hill.

We will sally out with a merry shout,  
And tug with a right good will  
At the long sled-rope up the slippery slope  
To the brow of the Coasting Hill.

Then a spring and a start, and away we dart,  
With a laugh and a whoop, until  
The echoes ring and the white owls sing  
From the words of Coasting Hill.

Oh, isn't it fine in the bright moonshine  
To fly with a breathless thrill!  
So fast and far, like a shooting star,  
Down the glorious Coasting Hill?

They may sit by a fire who so desire,  
They may ride in state who will,  
But give us a slide down the sparkling side  
Of the jolly Coasting Hill.

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# Coasting Song

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Allegretto

S *mf* The moon shines bright <sup>3</sup> on the mead - ows white, The night is clear and

A *mf* The moon shines bright <sup>3</sup> on the mead - ows white, The night is clear and

T *mf* The moon shines bright <sup>3</sup> on the mead - ows white, The night is clear and

B *mf* The moon shines bright <sup>3</sup> on the mead - ows white, The night is clear and

S <sup>4</sup> still. And the crys - tals <sup>3</sup> glow on the crust - ed snow, Then *poco stretto*

A still. And the crys - tals glow on the crust - ed snow, Then

T still. And the crys - tals <sup>3</sup> glow on the crust - ed <sup>3</sup> snow, Then

B still. And the crys - tals glow on the crust - ed <sup>3</sup> snow, Then

S <sup>7</sup> hey \_\_\_ for the Coast - ing Hill. We will sal - ly \_\_\_ out with a

A hey for the Coast - ing Hill. We will sal - ly \_\_\_ out with a

T <sup>8</sup> hey \_\_\_ for the Coast - ing Hill. We will sal - ly \_\_\_ out with a

B hey for the Coast - ing Hill. We will sal - ly \_\_\_ out with a

\* *Quickening the time a little; bringing the accents closer together.*



## Coasting Song

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S mer - ry shout, And tug, and tug, and tug with a right good

A mer - ry shout, And tug, and tug, and tug with a right good

T mer - ry shout, And tug, and tug with a right good

B mer - ry shout, And tug, and tug with a right good

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S will At the long sled - rope up the slip - p'ry slope To the

A will At the long sled - rope up the slip - p'ry slope To the

T will At the long sled - rope up the slip - p'ry slope To the

B will At the long sled - rope up the slip - p'ry slope To the

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S brow of theCoast - ing Hill. Then a spring and a start,

A brow of theCoast - ing Hill. Then a spring and a start,

T brow of theCoast - ing Hill. Then a spring and a start, and a -

B brow of theCoast - ing Hill. Then a spring and a start, and a -

# Coasting Song

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S and a - way — we — dart, With a laugh, ha, ha, ha! and a

A and a - way — we — dart, With a laugh, ha, ha, ha! and a

T way — we — dart, and a - way — we — dart, With a laugh, ha, ha, ha! and a

B way — we — dart, ha, ha, ha! and a

23

S whoop, — un - til The ech - oes ring —

A whoop, — un - til The ech - oes ring —

T whoop, — un - til The ech - oes ring, they

B whoop, — un - til they

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S From the words of Coast - ing

A From the words of Coast - ing

T ring — and the white owls sing From the words of Coast - ing

B ring and the white owls sing From the words of Coast - ing

## Coasting Song

29 *mf*

S Hill. Oh, isn't it fine \_\_\_\_\_ in the bright moon - shine To

A Hill. Oh, isn't it fine \_\_\_\_\_ in the bright moon - shine To

T Hill. Oh, isn't it fine \_\_\_\_\_ in the bright moon - shine To

B Hill. Oh, isn't it fine \_\_\_\_\_ in the bright moon - shine To

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S fly with a breath - less thrill! \_\_\_\_\_ So fast and far, like a

A fly with a breath - less thrill! \_\_\_\_\_ So fast and far, like a

T fly with a breath - less thrill! \_\_\_\_\_ So fast and far, like a

B fly with a breath - less thrill! \_\_\_\_\_ So fast and far, like a

35

S shoot - ing star, Down the glo - rious Coast - ing Hill? \_\_\_\_\_

A shoot - ing star, Down the glo - rious Coast - ing Hill?

T shoot - ing star, Down the glo - rious Coast - ing Hill? \_\_\_\_\_

B shoot - ing star, Down the glo - rious Coast - ing Hill? \_\_\_\_\_

# Coasting Song

S They may sit by a fire \_\_\_\_\_ who so de - sire, \_\_\_\_\_ They may

A They may sit by a fire \_\_\_\_\_ who so de - sire, \_\_\_\_\_ They may

T They may sit by a fire \_\_\_\_\_ who so de - sire, \_\_\_\_\_ They may

B They may sit by a fire \_\_\_\_\_ who so de - sire, \_\_\_\_\_ They may

S *cresc.* ride in state who will, *f* But give us a slide down the

A *cresc.* ride in state who will, *f* But give us a slide down the

T *cresc.* ride in state who will, *f* But give us a slide down the

B *cresc.* ride in state who will, *f* But give us a slide down the

39 *\* poco stretto*

S spark - ling side Of the jol - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Coast - ing Hill.

A spark - ling side Of the jol - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Coast - ing Hill.

T spark - ling side Of the jol - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Coast - ing Hill.

B spark - ling \_\_\_\_\_ side Of the jol - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Coast - ing Hill.

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