



**Merrily dance  
the stars to-night**

**William H. Ruebush  
(1873-1956)**

# Merrily dance the stars to-night

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Cheerfully

S Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars; \_\_\_\_\_ The

A Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars; \_\_\_\_\_ The

T Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars; \_\_\_\_\_ The

B Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly dance the stars; \_\_\_\_\_ The

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S moon looks down in sil - ver light, Thro' blue e - nam - el'd bars. \_\_\_\_\_ There

A moon looks down in sil - ver light, Thro' blue e - nam - el'd bars. \_\_\_\_\_ There

T moon looks down in sil - ver light, Thro' blue e - nam - el'd bars. \_\_\_\_\_ There

B moon looks down in sil - ver light, Thro' blue e - nam - el'd bars. \_\_\_\_\_ There



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S is no sound in the for - est round, No voice from flow'r and tree; And the

A is no sound in the for - est round, No voice from flow'r and tree; And the

T is no sound in the for - est round, No voice from flow'r and tree; And the

B is no sound in the for - est round, No voice from flow'r and tree; And the

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S win - ter rhyme with its spar - kling chime, At its task goes si - lent - ly.

A win - ter rhyme with its spar - kling chime, At its task goes si - lent - ly.

T win - ter rhyme with its spar - kling chime, At its task goes si - lent - ly.

B win - ter rhyme with its spar - kling chime, At its task goes si - lent - ly.

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S O - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

A O - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

T Mer - ri - ly o - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

B Mer - ri - ly o - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

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## Refrain

*With sleigh bells ad lib.*

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S Sweet bells chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; —

A Sweet bells chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; —

T 8 Voic - es and bells rhyme and chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; —

B Voic - es and bells rhyme and chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; —

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S Eyes bright spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

A Eyes bright spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

T 8 Eyes like the stars seem to spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

B Eyes like the stars seem to spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

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S Hearts light as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. —

A Hearts light as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. —

T 8 Hearts beat - ing light - ly as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. —

B Hearts beat - ing light - ly as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. —

# Merrily dance the stars to-night

S Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts; \_\_\_ Old

A Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts; \_\_\_ Old

T Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts; \_\_\_ Old

B Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts to - night, Oh, mer - ri - ly beat\_\_ our hearts; \_\_\_ Old

<sup>38</sup>  
S win - ter has a keen\_\_ de - light, That sum - mer ne'er im - parts. \_\_\_ Our

A win - ter has a keen de - light, That sum - mer ne'er im - parts. \_\_\_ Our

T win - ter has a keen de - light, That sum - mer ne'er im - parts. \_\_\_ Our

B win - ter has a keen de - light, That sum - mer ne'er im - parts. \_\_\_ Our

<sup>42</sup>  
S eyes\_\_ are bright with the warm love light, That win - ter may\_\_ not chill; \_\_\_ And the

A eyes\_\_ are bright with the warm love light, That win - ter may not chill; \_\_\_ And the

T eyes\_\_ are bright with the warm love light, That win - ter may not chill; \_\_\_ And the

B eyes\_\_ are bright with the warm love light, That win - ter may not chill; \_\_\_ And the

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S spar - kling snow with its sil - ver glow, Bright-ly gleams a - round us still. \_\_\_\_\_

A spar - kling snow with its sil - ver glow, Bright-ly gleams a - round us still. \_\_\_\_\_

T spar - kling snow with its sil - ver glow, Bright-ly gleams a - round us still. \_\_\_\_\_

B spar - kling snow with its sil - ver glow, Bright-ly gleams a - round us still. \_\_\_\_\_

## Refrain

*With sleigh bells ad lib.*

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S O - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

A O - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

T Mer - ri - ly o - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

B Mer - ri - ly o - ver the beau - ti - ful snow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

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S Sweet bells chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; \_\_\_\_\_

A Sweet bells chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; \_\_\_\_\_

T Voic - es and bells rhyme and chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; \_\_\_\_\_

B Voic - es and bells rhyme and chime as we go, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful snow; \_\_\_\_\_

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S  
Eyes bright spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

A  
Eyes bright spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

T  
Eyes like the stars seem to spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

B  
Eyes like the stars seem to spar - kle and glow, Mer - ri - ly, oh; Beau - ti - ful snow;

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S  
Hearts light as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. \_\_\_\_\_

A  
Hearts light as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
Hearts beat - ing light - ly as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. \_\_\_\_\_

B  
Hearts beat - ing light - ly as on - ward we go, Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly, oh. \_\_\_\_\_

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**William Howe Ruebush** (1873–1956) was born in Singers Glen, Virginia, and was educated at Dayton High School and Shenandoah College, becoming a vocal music teacher. His father and grandfather were musicians and teachers, as was his brother James Hott Ruebush (1865-1948). He taught at several schools, including the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Dayton, Virginia; he directed an army band in France in World War I and, after the war, led many civilian orchestras and bands. Ruebush spent most of his life in Dayton, Virginia, where he was president of the Ruebush-Kieffer Publishing Company, and served in the Virginia House of Delegates. He died in Elkton, Virginia. He wrote an assortment of pieces, mostly hymns, gospel songs, and marches. His marches include The Stonewall Brigade March, Shenandoah, and the Alma Mater Song for Tulane University.

Oh, merrily dance the stars tonight,  
Oh, merrily dance the stars;  
The moon looks down in silver light,  
Thro' blue enamel'd bars.  
There is no sound  
in the forest round,  
No voice from flow'r and tree;  
And the winter rhyme  
with its sparkling chime,  
At its task goes silently.

*Over the beautiful snow,  
Merrily, oh;  
Beautiful snow;  
Voices and bells rhyme and chime as we go,  
Beautiful, beautiful snow;  
Eyes like the stars seem to sparkle and glow,  
Merrily, oh;  
Beautiful snow;  
Hearts beating lightly as onward we go,  
Merrily, merrily, oh.*

Oh, merrily beat our hearts tonight,  
Oh, merrily beat our hearts;  
Old winter has a keen delight,  
That summer ne'er imparts.  
Our eyes are bright with the warm love light,  
That winter may not chill;  
And the sparkling snow with its silver glow,  
Brightly gleams around us still.

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