

The Handcart Song

Merrily ♩ = 80–88 (Conduct two beats to a measure.)

When pi - o-neers moved to the West, With cour - age strong they met the test. They

pushed their hand - carts all day long, And as they pushed they sang this song:

Optional descant

Push and pull As we go up the hill;

For some must push and some must pull, As we go march - ing up the hill;

So on our way Un - til we reach the Val - ley - o.

So mer - ri - ly on our way we go Un - til we reach the Val - ley - o.

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