

# *A Winter Ride*

A poem by Amy Lowell  
in a setting for women's voices  
by  
John W. Ward

(SSA with brief divisi, accompanied)

“A Winter Ride”, by Amy Lowell (1874-1925)

Who shall declare the joy of the running!  
Who shall tell of the pleasures of flight!  
Springing and spurning the tufts of wild heather,  
Sweeping, wild-winged, through the blue dome of light.  
Everything mortal has moments immortal,  
Swift and God-gifted, immeasurably bright.

So with the stretch of the white road before me,  
Shining snowcrystals rainbowed by the sun,  
Fields that are white, stained with long, cool, blue shadows,  
Strong with the strength of my horse as we run.  
Joy in the touch of the wind and the sunlight!  
Joy! With the vigorous earth I am one.

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Amy Lowell (1874-1925)

John W. Ward (1953-)

Vivace (♩ = c. 144)

Soprano 1

Soprano 2

Alto

Piano

S 1

S 2

A

Pno.

7

*f* Who shall de - clare the joy of the run - ning!

*f* Who shall de - clare the joy of the run - ning!

Who shall de - clare the joy of the run - ning!

13

S 1  
Who, shall tell of the plea-sures of flight! Spring-ing and

S 2  
Who shall tell of the plea-sures of flight! Spring - ing and

A  
who shall tell of the plea-sures of flight! Spring - ing and

Pno.

19

S 1  
spurn-ing the tufts of wild hea-ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the

S 2  
spurn - ning the tufts of wild hea - ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the

A  
spurn - ing the tufts of wild hea - ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the

Pno.

24 *mp*

S 1 blue dome of light. Ev - 'ry - thing mor - tal has mo - ments im -

S 2 blue dome of light. *mp* Ev - 'ry - thing mor - tal has mo - ments im -

A blue dome of light. *mp* Ev - 'ry - thing mor - tal has mo - ments im -

Pno. *mp*

30

S 1 mor - tal, Swift and God - gif - ted im - mea - sur - 'bly bright.

S 2 mor - tal, Swift and God - gif - ted im - mea - sur - 'bly bright.

A mor - tal, Swift and God - gif - ted im - mea - sur - 'bly bright.

Pno. *mp*

36 *f* So with the stretch of the white road be -

S 1

S 2

A

So with the stretch of the white road be -

Pno.

42 fore me, Shi - ning snow - cry - stals rain - bowed by the sun,

S 1

S 2

A

fore me, Shi - ning snow - cry - stals rain - bowed by the sun,

Pno.

47 *mp*

S 1

S 2 *mp* Fields that are white, stained with long, cool, blue sha - dows,

A *mp* Fields that are white, stained with long, cool, blue sha - dows,

Pno. *mp*

52 *mf*

S 1 *mf* Strong with the strength of my horse as we run.

S 2 *mf* Strong with the strength of my horse as we run.

A *mf* Strong with the strength of my horse as we run.

Pno. *mf*

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Joy in the touch of the wind and the sun - light!

*rall.*

S 1

Joy in the touch of the wind and the sun - light! wind and the sun - light!

S 2

Joy in the touch of the wind and the sun - light! wind and the sun - light!

A

Joy in the touch of the wind and the sun - light! wind and the sun - light!

57 *f* *rall.*

Pno.

Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am one.

*a tempo*

S 1

Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am one.

S 2

Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am one.

A

Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am one.

63 *a tempo*

Pno.



69 *mf* *molto rall.* *p*

S 1

S 2 *mf* Who shall de - clare the joy? *p*

A *mf* Who shall de - clare the joy? the joy of the run? *p*

Who shall de - clare the joy? the joy of the run? —

Pno. *mf* *molto rall.* *p*

75

S 1

S 2

A

Pno. 75