

# The Handcart Song

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Lucile Cardon Reading, 1909-1982

John D. T. McAllister, 1827-1916

*Merrily* ♩ = 80-88

arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5 above the notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score begins with a piano introduction of four measures. The first system of lyrics is: 'When pi - o - neers moved to the West, With cour - age strong they'. The second system is: 'met the test. They pushed their hand - carts all day long, And'. The third system is: 'as they pushed they sang this song: For some must push and'. The fourth system is: 'some must pull, As we go march - ing up the hill; So'. The fifth system is: 'mer - ri - ly on our way we go Un - til we reach the Val - ley - o.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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