

# A Winter Ride

A poem by Amy Lowell  
in a setting for mixed voices  
by  
John W. Ward

(SATB with brief soprano 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-)

**Allegro con moto** (♩ = c. 116) *poco a poco accel. e cresc.*

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

*mp* Who shall de - clare the

*mp* Who shall de - clare the

*p* Who shall de - clare joy? *mp* Who shall de -

*p* Who shall de - clare, shall de - clare? *mp* Who shall de -

*poco a poco accel. e cresc.*

*p*

S

A

T

B

Pno.

joy of the run-ning? *mf* Who shall de - clare the joy, the joy?

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

clare the joy of *mf* run-ning? De - clare the joy? *f* the joy?

clare the joy? *mf* The joy of run-ning, de - clare *f* the joy?

(♩ = c. 124)

13

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

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

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

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

Pno. *f*

19

S *mf* plea-sures of flight! Spring - ing and spurn - ing the tufts of wild

A *mf* plea-sures of flight! Spring - ing and spurn - ing the tufts of wild

T *mf* plea-sures of flight! spring - ing and spurn - ing the tufts of wild

B *mf* plea-sures of flight! Spring - ing and spurn - ing the tufts of wild

Pno. *mf*

25

S  
hea-ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the blue dome of light,

A  
hea - ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the blue dome of light.

T  
8  
hea - ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the blue dome of light,

B  
hea - ther, Swee - ping wild - winged through the blue dome of light.

Pno.  
25

30

S  
*mp* Ev - 'ry-thing mor-tal has mo-ments im - mor-tal, Swift and God -

A  
*mp* Ev - 'ry-thing mor - tal has mo-ments im - mor-tal, Swift and God -

T  
8  
*mp* Ev -'ry - thing mor-tal has mo-ments im - mor-tal, Swift and God -

B  
*mp* Ev -'ry - thing mor-tal has mo-ments im - mor-tal, Swift and God -

Pno.  
30  
*mp*

36

S  
gif-ted, im - mea-sur - 'bly bright.

A  
gif-ted, im - mea-sur - 'bly bright.

T  
8  
gif-ted, im - mea-sur - 'bly bright.

B  
gif-ted, im - mea-sur - 'bly bright.

Pno.

43

S  
*f* So with the stretch of the white road be - fore me, Shi - ning

A  
*f* So with the stretch of the white road be - fore me, Shi - ning

T  
8  
*f* So with the stretch of the white road be - fore me, Shi - ning

B  
*f* So with the stretch of the white road be - fore me, Shi - ning

Pno.

48

S snow - cry - stals rain - bowed by the sun, *mf* Fields that are

A snow - cry - stals rain - bowed by the sun, *mf* Fields that are

T snow - cry - stals rain - bowed by the sun, *mf* Fields that are

B snow - cry - stals rain - bowed by the sun, *mf* Fields that are

Pno.

53

S white, stained with long, cool, blue sha - dows, *mf* Strong with the strength of my

A white, stained with long, cool, blue sha - dows, *mf* Strong with the strength of my

T white, stained with long, cool, blue sha - dows, *mf* Strong with the strength of my

B white, stained with long, cool, blue sha - dows, *mf* Strong with the strength of my

Pno.

(a few sopranos)

Joy in the

58

S horse as we run. *f* Joy in the touch of the wind and the

A horse as we run. *f* Joy in the touch of the wind and the

T horse as we run. Joy in the touch of the wind and the

B horse as we run. *f* Joy in the touch of the wind and the

Pno. *f*

64

S touch of the wind and the sun - light! *rall.* Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am *a tempo*

A sun-light! wind and the sun - light! Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am

T sun-light! the wind and the sun - light! Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am

B sun-light! wind and the sun - light! Joy! with the vi - go - rous earth I am

Pno. *rall.* *a tempo*



70 *mf*

S one. *mf* Who shall de - clare the

A one. *mf* Who shall de - clare the

T one. *mf* Who shall de - clare the

B one. *mf* Who shall de - clare the

Pno. *mf*

76 *molto rall.* *p*

S joy? *p*

A joy? the joy of the *p* run?

T joy? the joy of the *p* run?

B joy? the joy of the *p* run?

Pno. *p* *molto rall.*