

snow ride

SSA, hand-held percussion*

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inspired by the descriptions of moonlit snowy fields and a Christmas Eve sleigh ride in Tolstoy's *War and Peace* Book 7, chapters 10 and 11 – with homage to Lithuanian *sutartinės* style singing and Gaelic mouth music!

* one set of jingle bells / sleigh bells, two sets of finger cymbals, and hand-clapping

duration c. 4:45

perusal score
not for rehearsal or performance

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Notes

Percussion:

If possible, use finger cymbals that sound slightly different from each other. For the jingles, a smaller instrument that's easy to play softly is better than orchestral sized jingles.

Hands need to be free for the clapping at bar 109 so you will need some way of putting percussion instruments down temporarily. Rather than use a table or the floor, finger cymbals could be pocketed or put in a small bag tied to the waist (for example). Jingles could also be attached to the waist or hips with a ribbon and allowed to hang freely during the clapping interlude. They would continue to make small noises but I quite like that idea.

Notation:

Tremolo in the jingles part is unmeasured.

Pronunciation:

i ~ as in quiche (IPA: i:)

o ~ as in bone (IPA: o)

u ~ as in lute (IPA: u:)

ah ~ as in standard English (IPA: ɑ:)

ee! ~ essentially the same as 'i' above (but exclamatory)

hey ~ as in standard English (IPA: hei)

sh ~ as in shut (IPA: ʃ)

ch ~ as in cheese (IPA: tʃ)

zh ~ like the s in vision (IPA: ʒ)

accel. -----

14

S

li-u, li-u,

S

u li-u li-u li-u,

A

li - u li - u, li-u,

P3

sleigh bells / jingles

p *p*

A the sleigh arrives

♩ = 120

22

S

p *mf* *p* *mf*

li-o, li-o hey! li-o hey o! hey!

S

p *mf* *p* *mf*

li-o, li-o hey! li-o hey o! hey!

A

p *mf* *p* *mf*

li-o, li-o hey! li-o hey o! hey!

P3

mf

moving off
ritmico, poco pesante

26 *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

S o ri o ri o lo, lyu li ri o

S *p* *mp* *mf* *mp*

S o ri o, ri o ri o lyu li lo

A *p* *fp*

A o ri o, ri o ssh,

P3 *p* *mf* *p*

31

S lo, lyu li ri o lo, lyu li ri o lo, lyu li

S ri o lyu li lo ri o lyu li lo ri o lyu

A **strong release** *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

A ssh, ssh, ssh,

P3

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poco accel.

più mosso ♩ = 132

36

S
ri o lo, lyu li o ri o ri lo, lyu li o ri o ri

S
li lo ri o lyu li lo shi o lyu li lo

A
mf p *mf* *mp*
ssh, ssh - ch, ssh - ch, ssh - ch, ssh - ch,

P3

41

S
mf lo, lyu li o ri o ri lo, lyu li o ri o ri hey! *f* li lo

S
mf shi o lyu li lo shi o lyu li lo lo, li la

A
mf ssh - ch, ssh - ch,

P3

molto accel.

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♩ = c. 200 **louder shout**

47

S *breathy shout* *f* **laughter (freely)**
hey! lo, hey! lo, li lo, hey! (ha ha ha)

S *breathy shout* *f* **laughter (freely)**
lo, hey! lo, li lo, hey! (ha ha ha)

A *f* *breathy shout* *mp* *f*
ssh - ch, hey! ssh - ch, ssh - ch, ssh - ch... hey! ha!

P3 *f* *p* *f*

B a breather
meno mosso ♩ = 112

54

S *p* *mp* *p*
ah, in wonder

P1

S *p* *mp* *p*
ah,

P2 finger cymbals *p* l.v.

A *p* *mp* *p*
ha hey, ha hey, ha hey, ha hey, ha hey hi o, ha hey hi o,

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61 *p* *mp* *p* *p*

S oo, hi o, hi o,

P1 finger cymbals l.v. *p*

S *p* *mp* *p* *p*

P2 oo, hi o, hi o,

A *mp* *p* *mp*

hi o, hi o, hi o, hi o, ha hey hi o, ha hey, hi o, hi o, ha hey hi o,

67 *mp* *mf* *p*

S gliss. ah,

P1 ah,

S *mp* *mf* *p*

P2 gliss. ah,

A *mf* *mp*

ha hey, ha hey o ha hey, ha hey, ha hey sleigh bells / jingles

P3 *p*

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73 *p* *mf*

S
hi o, hi o, ah,

P1

S
p *mf*

hi o, hi o, ah,

P2

A
p *mf* *mp*

o, ha hey, ha hey, ha hey ya, ha hey ya ha hey, ha

P3

79 *p* *pp* *p* *mp* *accel.*

S
hu o, hu o, hu ri o,

P1

S
p *pp* *p* *mp*

hu o, hu o, hu ri o,

P2

A
pp *p* *mp*

hey, ha hey, ha hey o, hu o, ha hey ri o,

P3
p

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C

♩ = 120

exhilaration, intoxication

85 *mf* *mf*

S ri o ho ri, o ho ri o ho ri, o

S ri o, ho ri o ri o, ho ri

A *mf* **breathy shout**
ri o ri o ri o, na hey! na na

P3 *mf*

90

S ho ri o ho ri, o ho ri o ho ri, o ho ri o

S o ri o, ho ri o ri o, ho ri o ri

A *sim.*
na na na na na na na hey! na hey! hey!

P3

delighted squeal
(any high pitch)

95 *f*

S ho ri o di u na na na ho ri o di u, ee! ho ri o di

S *f* o, zha - la na na na na no, zha - la na na na na no, hey! **loud shout**

A *f* no, zha-la zha-la na na na na no, zha-la zha-la na na na na no, ha! ha!

P3

100

S u na na na ho ri o di u, ee!

S na na na na na no, zha - la na na na na hey! o

A zha la zha la na na na na no ha! ha! o ri o ri o

sim.

sim.

D

104 *f*

S hey! hey! hey! ha ha, hey, hey ha lo di

S *f* hey! hey! hey! ha ha hey, ha hey,

A *mp* ha ha, hey ha ha, hey ha ha, hey ha ha hey ha hey, di

breathy shout *mp* sim. *p*

breathy shout *mp* sim. *mp*

109 *f* *squeal*

S
o, ee! lo di o, ee!

P1
mf

S
f
ha hey, hey lo lo lo lo di ha hey, hey lo di o

P2
mf

A
f
o di o lo di o, di o di o lo, di

P3
mf

113

S
lo, ee! lo di o di lo di o lo,

P1

S
ha hey, hey lo lo lo lo di o di lo di o lo, di

P2

A
o di o lo di o, di o di lo di o lo, di

P3

118

S
lo di o lo, di o lo di o lo di o, hey lo di

P1

S
lo di o lo, di o lo di o lo di o, hey lo di

P2

A
lo di o lo, di o lo di o lo di o, hey lo di

P3

f

f

f

f

E Lento ♩ = 60
afterwards: snow, gleams, memories

124

S
hey lo di lo di o! ah!

P1

S
hey lo di lo di o! ah!

P2

A
hey lo di lo di o! ah!

P3

mf gliss. *p*

mf gliss. *p*

mf gliss. *p*

sleigh bells / jingles

pp

130 *p* *mp* *pp* *p*

S
u li-u, o li-o,

P1
finger cymbals *p* l.v.

S
p *mp* *pp* *p*
u li-u, o li-o,

P2
finger cymbals *p* l.v.

A
p *mp* *pp* *p*
u li-u, o li-o,

P3

137 *pp* *pp* *pp*

S
u...

P1

S
hi o, hi o, u li-u...

P2
pp

A
u li-u...

P3
pp