

The Hand Cart Song

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Tune: Oh! Susanna

Lyrics: Elder Philip Margetts

Music: Traditional

Arranged by: Michael Smurthwaite

Jaunty banjo rhythm

1.No__ purse, no scrip they bear with them, but cheer - ful - ly they
2.Ye__ pi - ous men whose sym - pa - thy is touch'd for fal - len
3.Now com - pe - ti - tion is the rage, through-out the world 'tis
4.Then come ye faith - ful min - is - ters, with bles - sings now we'll

Elder Phillip Margetts emigrated from England to Great Salt Lake City in 1850. In 1857, a group of 77 missionaries left Salt Lake to fill missions abroad pushing handcarts toward Florence, Nebraska. Elder Margetts, a pioneer actor, wrote the following song which was sung along the way to encourage the travelers.

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start, And cross the plains a thou - sand miles, and draw with them hand -
man, A__ pat - tern now is set for you, just beat it if you
true, To__ head the "Mor - mons" they must rise far ear - lier than they
go, To__ ga - ther out the ho - nest hearts from dark - ness and from

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cart: Ye__ na - tions list! the men of God, from Zi - on now they
can; Here's men who're called to go a - broad the Gos - pel to im -
do, for__ "Mor - mon - is - m" it is sound, with - out a crack or
woe; Our__ strength in - creas - ing day by day, as from this land we

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come, part, flaw, part, They leave their friends and know the arts and We'll bless the Priest-hood and the friends and sci-en-ces, and we're learn-ing how to pow'r, to ga-ther Is-rael and start with their hand - and we're learn-ing how to go with our hand -

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home!
cart. Oh! then cheer up ye El-ders, you to the world will draw.
cart!

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show That Is-real must be ga-thered soon, and

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ox-en are too slow. 1, 2, 3. 4. 2. Ye slow. 3. Now 4. Then