

VELVET SHOES

for S.A.B. voices and piano
with optional PianoTrax*

Text adapted from the poem by
ELINOR WYLIE (1885-1928)

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Gently, with rubato (♩ = ca. 66)

SOPRANO
ALTO

BARITONE

PIANO

p

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Elinor Wylie was an American poet and novelist. Born in New Jersey to a socially prominent family, Elinor was beautiful, clever, charming, and talented, yet her personal life was filled with trauma and disastrous relationships. Poetry editor of *Vanity Fair* magazine for a time, Elinor was praised by critics and readers alike for her creative output, if not her ethics. Her poetry was called “brilliant” and “genius,” and her novels termed “sensitive” and “romantic.” Plagued throughout her adult life with high blood pressure, Elinor died of a stroke at the age of 43.

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We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes,

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we shall trod _____ all o - ver town.

9

We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes,

11

up hill, up hill,

Musical notation for measures 11-12. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are "up hill, up hill,". The piano accompaniment is in bass clef.

Musical notation for piano accompaniment for measures 11-12. The right hand is in treble clef and the left hand is in bass clef.

13

poco rit. up hill and down. *a tempo*

Musical notation for measures 13-14. The vocal line is in treble clef. The lyrics are "up hill and down." with a fermata over "down.". The tempo markings are *poco rit.* and *a tempo*.

poco rit. *a tempo*

Musical notation for piano accompaniment for measures 13-14. The right hand is in treble clef and the left hand is in bass clef. The tempo markings are *poco rit.* and *a tempo*.

Two empty musical staves, one in treble clef and one in bass clef.

cresc.

Musical notation for measures 15-16. The piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The marking *cresc.* is present.

18

We shall walk _____ in vel - vet

mp

Musical notation for measures 17-18. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 17 and begins in measure 18 with the lyrics "We shall walk _____ in vel - vet". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) provides harmonic support.

We shall walk in

mp

Piano accompaniment for measures 17-18, showing the right and left hand parts.

19 shoes,

we shall step _____ up - on the

Musical notation for measures 19-20. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 19 and begins in measure 20 with the lyrics "we shall step _____ up - on the". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues.

vel - vet shoes, _____ we shall step up -

Piano accompaniment for measures 19-20, showing the right and left hand parts.

21 snow.

We shall walk _____ in vel - vet

Musical notation for measures 21-22. The vocal line (treble clef) has a whole rest in measure 21 and begins in measure 22 with the lyrics "We shall walk _____ in". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues.

on the snow. We shall walk in

Piano accompaniment for measures 21-22, showing the right and left hand parts.

23 shoes,

vel - vet shoes, up hill,

25 up hill, up hill we

poco rit.

27 go.

a tempo

a tempo

29

mf

I shall go shod in silk and you in wool.

The *mf*

31

wool and the silk _____ will shield the cold.

33

White as the white cow's milk, _____ more beau - ti - ful, _____ more

35 *rit.*

beau-ti - ful _____ than a cloak of gold.

mf

more beau-ti - ful _____ than a cloak of gold.

mf *rit.* *decres.* *ten.*

37 **Meno mosso** (♩ = ca. 60)

pp

We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes

pp

Meno mosso (♩ = ca. 60)

pp

39 *poco rit.*

at a slow _____ and tran - quil pace.

poco rit.

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 66)

41

We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes,

mp
We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes,

mp
We shall walk in vel - vet shoes, _____

mp

Tempo I (♩ = ca. 66)

mp

43

un - der a veil, _____ un - der a veil,

un - der a veil, _____ un - der a veil,

45

un - der a veil _____ of lace.

rit.
un - der a veil _____ of lace.

a tempo

rit.
a tempo e decresc.

48

p
We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes,
p
We shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes, _____

50

rit. al fine
we shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes, in
_____ we shall walk _____ in vel - vet shoes,

52

pp
vel _____ vet _____ shoes.
pp
in vel - vet shoes.