

The One Horse Open Sleigh (Jingle Bells)

Words and music by
James Pierpont (1822-1893)

Allegro

Voice

Piano

2. A

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Vo.

1. Dash-ing through the snow In a one horse o - pen sleigh,
day or two a - go I thought I'd take a ride, And
3. Now the ground is white. Go it while you're young!

Pno.

13

Vo.

O'er the hills we go, Laugh - ing all the way;
soon Miss Fan - nie Bright Was seat - ed by my side. The
Take the girls to - night, And sing this sleigh - ing song. Just

Pno.

17

Vo.

Bells on bob-tail ring, Mak-ing spi-rits bright;
 horse was lean and lank; Mis-for-tune seem'd his lot. He
 get a bob-tailed bay, Two-for-ty as his speed,

Pno.

21

Vo.

Oh what sport to ride and sing A sleigh-ing song to-night.
 got in-to a drif-ted bank And we, we got up-sot.
 Hitch him to an o-pen sleigh And crack, you'll take the lead.

Pno.

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CHORUS

S.
A.

Jing-le bells, Jing-le bells, Jing-le all the way;

T.
B.

Pno.

29

S.
A.

Oh! what joy it is to ride In a one horse o - pen sleigh.

T.
B.

Pno.

33

S.
A.

Jing - le bells, Jing - le bells, Jing - le all the way;

T.
B.

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Pno.

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S.
A.

Oh! what joy it is to ride In a one horse o - pen sleigh.

T.
B.

Pno.

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Pno.

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Pno.

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