

Snowtastic

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Introduction

You could use this collection of snow and winter songs as a whole school concert suitable for K-6 students. There are songs ranging from easy to more challenging. Some songs could be used for the whole school, and some could be used to feature each grade level. Here and there in some songs solos or small groups could be used just to add to the variety. Some songs would lend themselves to easy movement and choreography, while others could be simply sung. Some songs could feature students acting them out. If a song is featuring a particular grade, those students could wear appropriate costumes or use costume accessories and props as the song calls for.

The narration has been divided between two characters. You could easily divide it among more if you so desire.

Here are some suggestions for each song:

1. In Our Yard

This first song helps set the stage and paint the first picture of winter. Large props could be brought on stage to create the winter setting.

2. Swoosh!

Suitable for K or Grade 1-2 students. Easy hand actions could be added.

3. The Snow Is Falling

A student could act this out, dressed in outer wear and using a snow shovel.

4. My Car Won't Start

You could use a cardboard cutout of a cartoon car, with a student acting out the part. You could have a student sing the verses and the whole school join in the chorus. You could even have a teacher do the solo part.

5. Softly, Softly

This is a delicate song that could be simply sung. The first time through it could be a solo, a small group, or the large group. The second time through is in canon.

6. Crunchy Snow

This song lends itself easily to hand actions. It could work for one grade or the whole school.

7. Heaven's Winter

A very simple and beautiful song. It is only sung through once, no repeats.

8. Snow Angel

This song could be suitable for primary grades. It could use simple arm and leg movements to make the angels. Students could clap 4 times after "So white! That's right!" It fits right with the accompaniment in the following measure.

9. Snow Day

The verses in this song are rap. They could be done by soloists, grades, or the whole school, or a combination of any or all of these for variety.

10. Blizzard

Have fun with this vocal painting of wintry weather.

11. It's Wintertime

Here is a chance to incorporate some winter props such as large snowflakes, snowballs (large Styrofoam balls that can be tossed back and forth), snowmen, skates, skis, snowshoes, and so on.

12. It's Snowtastic

A great whole school closing number.

Snowtastic

There are two main narrators - Billy and Betty. Billy hates everything about winter. Betty loves everything about winter. As the presentation progresses Betty slowly wins over Billy about the fun people in North America can have in winter.

Betty: Hello everybody. My name is Betty. *(or narrator's real name)*

Billy: And my name is Billy. *(or narrator's real name)*

Betty: Welcome to our "Snowtastic" concert!

Billy: What is a "Snowtastic"?

Betty: It's when you combine the words snow and fantastic together. It gives you "Snowtastic".

Billy: But what does it really mean?

Betty: Well, it happens to mean... "A day filled with the joy of snow, where you can sometimes get out of school or work or further obligations."

Billy: Trust me there is nothing about snow that is "snowtastic". It is cold, wet and miserable.

Betty: Oh no Billy. You've got it all wrong. There is nothing better than to go to bed only to wake up the next morning and see outside the window, green grass covered by white, bright, fluffy snow. The first snowfall is so special...so magical! Listen to our first song. It explains what fun we can have in our yard covered in snow.

Song: 1. In Our Yard

Betty: Do you see what I mean? Racing down hills, building snowmen and going ice skating.

Billy: *(getting madder as he goes)* It's no fun if you can't skate. It's no fun if you freeze the tip of your nose. It's no fun if you hit a big bump on your toboggan and you wipe out getting snow down your back. Trust me! I've tried it and it's no fun!

Betty: Calm down Billy. I happen to know the wonderful winter sounds of SWOOSH! And SWISH! It means kids all over are having fun skating and sliding!

Song: 2. Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!


Betty: See what I mean? Absolutely funtastic!

Billy: Funtastic? There is nothing funtastic about snow and I'll tell you why.

Betty: What a grumpy gus. Ok tell me why snow is no fun for you.

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1. In Our Yard

Swing ♩ = 126 

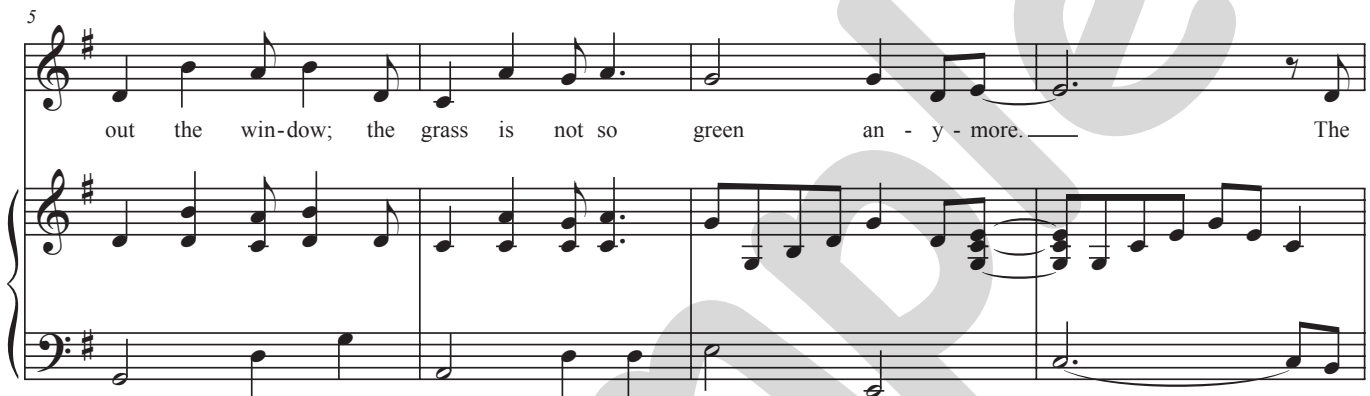
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1. Look

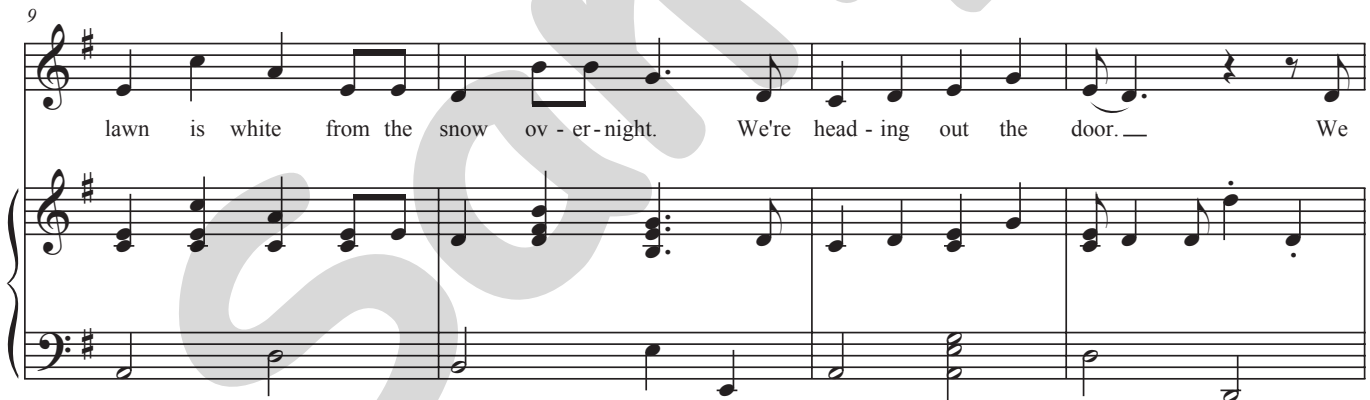
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out the win-dow; the grass is not so green an - y - more. — The



9

lawn is white from the snow ov - er - night. We're head - ing out the door. — We



13

just can't wait — to get out and es - cape — our room, our house, our bed. —



5. Softly, Softly

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Peacefully $\text{♩} = 70$

p

The piano introduction consists of four measures in 6/8 time. The right hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment, while the left hand provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

p All voices unison

Soft - ly, soft - ly,

Measures 5-8 show the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is a unison line with lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note accompaniment as the introduction.

fall - ing soft - ly, The

Measures 9-12 continue the vocal and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in measure 11.

flakes _____ of win - ter on the ground.

Measures 13-16 conclude the vocal and piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note accompaniment.

8. Snow Angel

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Steady Rock ♩ = 136

mf play detached

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a series of chords in the treble clef, while the left hand plays a simple bass line in the bass clef. The tempo is marked 'Steady Rock' at 136 beats per minute.

5 *mf*

I saw an an - gel af - ter school, An an - gel that I love.

The first line of the song begins at measure 5. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'I saw an an - gel af - ter school, An an - gel that I love.'

9

It was an an - gel, that's for sure, But not one from a - bove. It was a

The second line of the song begins at measure 9. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'It was an an - gel, that's for sure, But not one from a - bove. It was a'

13

snow an - gel, a snow an - gel, So white! That's right! It was a

The third line of the song begins at measure 13. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'snow an - gel, a snow an - gel, So white! That's right! It was a'

1. In Our Yard

Look out the window; the grass is not so
Green anymore
The lawn is white from the snow overnight.
We're heading for the door!
We just can't wait to get out and escape
Our room ,our house, our bed.
Putting on our mittens, Mom don't have kittens!
Our toques are on our head.

Chorus:

'Cause we love the snow, come on let's go!
In our yard, a winter postcard.
It's clean and white, the time is right
In our yard, a winter postcard.

Let's build a snow hill, what a thrill
To slide and make it a race.
Faster and faster! The snow might plaster
Our eyes, our nose and face.
Let's make a snowman; we think that we can
Build a pretty good size.
A carrot for his nose; Dad's coat for his clothes,
Two hockey pucks for his eyes.

Chorus

And one more thing; we'd like to sing
About to all of you
Winter's great! So don't hesitate
You can have fun too!

Chorus

2. Swoosh!

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh! Go my skates.
See how I glide along.
Swish, swish, swish! Goes my scarf.
Listen as I sing this song.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh! Goes my sled.
Over the hills of snow.
Swish, swish, swish! Goes my hat.
Sliding down the hill I go.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh! Go my skates.
Over the frozen pond.
Swish, swish, swish! Goes the wind,
Waving like a magic wand.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh! Goes my sled,
Over the bumpy slide.
Swish, swish, swish! Goes the snow.
What a wild winter ride!

3. The Snow Is Falling

The snow has started; I'm so downhearted
Because I know the drill.
I can try to hide and stay inside
But there is a job to fill.
Under the bed, I cover my head,
Hoping she will pass by.
Into my room Mom walks with a broom.
"You found me!" I say with a sigh.

Chorus:

Yes, the snow is fallin and our driveway's calling
Out to me, out to me.
The snow is fallin and our driveway's calling
Out to me, out to me.

It's time to begin she says with a grin.
The car is covered with snow.
Another snow flurry; please start but hurry.
Very soon we have to go.
I trudge outside and try to hide
My disgust for the heavy snow.
Kneecap deep I barely creep
Into the drifts below

Chorus

My shovel digs in but I'm so thin,
My arms refuse to try.
My brain says go, my back says no!
My eyes they want to cry.
And so I face, with much disgrace
The truth of winter's bite.
The car is stuck; I'm out of luck
I surrender without a fight.

Chorus

And so I sit and write a bit,
My aching arms move slower,
My Santa note...and all I wrote:
I want a new snow blower!

Chorus

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12. It's Snowtastic!

Chorus:

It's snowtastic! So funtastic!
My excitement grows within.
It's snowtastic! So funtastic!
Let the snowlebration begin.

My words may sound quite funny
As I talk about the snow,
But give me a day that's sunny
And white wherever you go.
The sky is blue; not a single cloud.
I head out with my friends.
We feel the urge to shout out loud
Again and again and again!

Chorus

Fluffy white flakes upon my tongue,
They just might be nutritious.
No matter if you're old or young,
Their taste is snowdelicious!
We can build a snowy snowman,
Or maybe we'll build ten!
I feel I must repeat myself
Again and again and again!

Chorus

Last Chorus:

It's snowtastic! So funtastic!
My excitement grows within.
It's snowtastic! So funtastic!
Let the snowlebration begin
For snow!



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