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Let us walk in the white snow
In a soundless space;
With footsteps quiet and slow,
At a tranquil pace,
Under veils of white lace.

I shall go shod in silk,
And you in wool,
White as a white cow's milk,
More beautiful
Than the breast of a gull.

We shall walk through the still town
In a windless peace;
We shall step upon white down,
Upon silver fleece,
Upon softer than these.

We shall walk in velvet shoes:
Wherever we go
Silence will fall like dews
On white silence below.
We shall walk in the snow.

ELINOR WYLIE (1885-1928)

Velvet Shoes

Poem by
Elinor Wylie

Music by
Ethan McGrath

Serenely, at a tranquil walking pace (♩ = c. 44, ♩ = c. 88)

p sempre

Voice

Let us walk in the white snow In a sound - less

Piano

Serenely, at a tranquil walking pace (♩ = c. 44, ♩ = c. 88)

p sempre

6

space; With foot-steps qui - et and slow, At a tran - quil pace, Un - der

11

veils of white lace, un - der veils of white lace. I shall

Velvet Shoes

16 *more freely, with rubato*

go — shod in silk And you in wool, — White as white cow's

16 *more freely, with rubato*

21 milk, More beau - ti - ful Than the breast — of a gull,

21

26 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mp* *steady*

than the — breast — of a gull. We shall walk through the still

26 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *steady*

31 town In a wind - less peace; We shall step up - on white — down, Up - on

31

36 *pp*

sil - ver fleece, Up-on soft - er than these, up-on soft - er than these.

42 *poco rit.* *a tempo* *mf* *more freely, with rubato*

We shall walk in vel-vet shoes: wher - ev - er we go Si -

48 *allarg.* *f*

lence will fall like dews On white si - lence be - low. We shall

52 *a tempo* *mf* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

walk in the snow, we shall walk in the snow.

52 *a tempo* *mf* *poco rit.* *a tempo*

57 *mp steady*

Let us walk in the white snow, walk in the white snow, let us

57 *mp steady*

63 *rit. poco a poco* *p*

walk in the white snow.

63 *rit. poco a poco* *p* *pp*

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