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Moderato $\text{♩} = 102$ with feeling

mf

5 *mf* *poco cresc.*

Give us strength, oh Lord, we pray, To pull our hand-carts day by day, That we may reach that

5 *mf* *poco cresc.*

10 *poco decresc. mf*

val - ley fair, Oh keep us in Thy lov - ing care. We've come from far to trav - el west. In

10 *poco decresc. mf*

15

moun - tain val - leys we'll be blessed To build a new home safe and free From per - se - cu - tion's

15

15

15

20

mp doloroso

cru - el - ty. Some left too late on sum - mer's march, Were caught in bliz - zard

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mp doloroso

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24

f

wild and harsh. They suf - fered want and freez - ing cold While hud - dled 'gainst the

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wind so bold When mis - sion - ar - ies, home - ward bound, found suf - fring saints camped on

32 *crescendo* *ff*, *mf*
 prai - rie ground, They forged on to their journ - ey's end, Sure Brig - ham need - ed help would send.

37 *f* **Tempo primo**
 Their plight made known Oc - to - ber

37 *f* **Tempo primo**

37 *f* **Tempo primo**
poco rit. *f*

40

Con-frence day Sent res-cue wag-ons on their way. Some slum-ber un-der

44

blan-ket snow, No more to suf-fer earth-ly woe. Sur-vi-vors wel-come

48

those who came To res-cue all who might re-main.— Food and cloth-ing,

poco cresc.

52 *f* *mf*

bed - ding, too, Did strength and warmth and hope re - new. Wag - ons helped the

56

sick and weak, While those still on their own two feet Were car - ried o - ver

60

i - cy streams by strong young men still— in their teens.

64

How great their joy when trek was done! Sore tri - als they had

68

o - ver - come. 'Tis true they suf - fered much, and yet Not e - ven one ex -

72

pressed re - gret At hav - ing cho - sen not to wait An - oth - er year for

76 *crescendo* *allargando ff*

start - ing date. They knew the Lord had heard their prayer—

76 *crescendo* *allargando ff*

76 *crescendo* *allargando*

80 *mf* **Tempo primo** *crescendo*

And kept them in His lov -

80 *mf* **Tempo primo** *crescendo*

80 **Tempo primo**

mp *mf* *crescendo*

84 *ff* *pp perdendosi*

ing— care, His lov - ing care.

84 *ff* *pp perdendosi*

84 *ff* *pp perdendosi*