

Ridom Ridom

Icelandic Folksong

The lyrics of this song refer to the massive desert plateau "Sprengrisandur", located in the center of Iceland which since the Middle Ages was crossed by a road (commonly called "the sand") that traversed the whole island south to north, crossing the desert mainland instead of keeping to the inhabited coastline. Traveling on it was considered an extremely dangerous ordeal. Outlaws roamed the road and it was believed to be haunted by ghosts, spirits and mythical creatures of all kinds.

♩=120

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S-melody

arr. Steven Light 2025

Soprano Recorder

Alto Recorder

Tenor Recorder

Bass Recorder

5

S. Rec.

A. Rec.

T. Rec.

B. Rec.

10

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A-melody

S. Rec.

A. Rec.

T. Rec.

B. Rec.

14

S. Rec.

A. Rec.

T. Rec.

B. Rec.

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2 19 **3** B-melody

23

28 **4** T-melody

32

*Ride, ride, ride over the sand the sun is setting behind Arnarfell. Round here there are many spirits. It's getting dark on the ice.
 Lord, lead my horse, the last part of the way will be hard.
 Tssh, sssh! Tssh, sssh! On the hill a fox ran. Her dry mouth she wants to wet with blood; someone was calling with a strangely dark voice.
 Outlaws in Ódáðhraun are secretly rounding up sheep.
 Ride, ride, ride over the sand. It's getting dark on Herðubreið. The elf queen is bridling her horse. It's not good to meet her.
 My best horse I would give to reach Kiðagil.*