

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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Wistful, with much expression

The musical score is arranged for Ch. Choir, Oboe, Piano, and Ch. C. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The score begins with a piano introduction marked *mp*. The Ch. Choir part has a rest for the first six measures, followed by a single note in the seventh measure. The Oboe part has a rest for the first six measures, followed by a melodic line starting in the seventh measure. The Piano part provides accompaniment throughout. The Ch. C. part begins in measure 8 with the lyrics: "heard the bells on Christ-mas Day Their old fam - il - iar ca - rols play, And wild and sweet the words re - peat Of".

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Ch.C. *mf*
 14 peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace _____ on earth good will to all. _____ To

Ob. *mf*
 14

Pno. *mf*
 14

Ch.C. *mf*
 20 all. *mf* I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all

T. *mf*
 8 20 I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all

B. *mf*
 20 I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all

Ob. *mf*
 20

Pno. *mf*
 20

Ch.C. *mf*
 27 Christ-ian-dom Had rolled a - long the un - brok - en song Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace _____ on

T. *mf*
 8 27 Christ-ian-dom Had rolled a - long the un - brok - en song Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace _____ on

B. *mf*
 27 Christ-ian-dom Had rolled a - long the un - brok - en song Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace _____ on

Pno. *mf*
 27

33

Ch.C. earth good will to all. *p* To all.

S. *p* To all.

A. *p* To all.

T. earth good will to all. *p* To all.

B. earth good will to all. *p* To all.

Pno. *mp*

39

Ch.C.

S. And in des - pair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For

A. And in des - pair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For

T.

B. "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For

Pno.

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Ch.C

S *f*
hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good

A *f*
hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good

T
For hate is strong And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good

B
hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good

Ob.

Pno. *f*

50

Ch.C

S *mp*
will to all. To all. *With more excitement and energy*

A *mp*
will to all. To all. *With more excitement and energy*

T
will

B
will

Ob.

Pno. *mp*

57

Ch.C. To all. Joy to the

S. To all.

A. To all.

T. To all.

B. To all.

Ob. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

63

Ch.C. world! *ff* The Lord is come. Let earth re - ceive her King!

S. *ff* Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor

A. *ff* Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor

T. *ff* Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor

B. *ff* Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor

Ob. *ff*

Pno. *ff*

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6
70

Ch.C. Let ev - ry - heart pre - pare him room, and

S. doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, of

A. doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail. The right pre -

T. doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, of

B. doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail. The right pre -

Ob. 70

Pno. 70

76

Ch.C. heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and

S. peace on earth, Of peace on earth. Of peace on earth good will to

A. vail, of peace on earth, Of peace on earth. Of peace on earth good will to

T. 8 peace on earth, Of peace on earth. Of peace on earth good will to

B. vail, peace on earth, peace on earth, on earth. Of peace on earth good will to

Ob. 76

Pno. 76

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82

Ch.C
na - ture sing! Till ring - ing sing - ing on his way, The world re - volved from night to day, A

S
all. Till ring - ing sing - ing on his way, The world re - volved from night to day, A

A
all. Till ring - ing sing - ing on his way, The world re - volved from night to day, A

T
all. Till ring - ing sing - ing on his way, The world re - volved from night to day, A

B
all. Till ring - ing sing - ing on his way, The world re - volved from night to day, A

Ob.

Pno.

88

Ch.C
voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime, Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth good will to

S
voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime, Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth good will to

A
voice, a chant sub - lime, Of peace, peace on earth, peace on earth good will to

T
voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime, Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth, Of peace on earth good will to

B
voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime, Of peace to

Ob.

Pno.

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8
94

Ch.C
all. _____ To all! _____ To all! _____ To

S
all. _____ To all! _____ To all! _____ To

A
all. _____ To all! _____ To all! _____ To

T
all. _____ To all! _____ To all! _____ To

B
all. _____ To all! _____ To all! _____ To

Ob.
94

Pno.
94

100 *Even faster to end. With Joy!*

Ch.C
all! _____

S
Even faster to end. With Joy!
all! _____

A
all! _____

T
all! _____

B
all! _____

Ob.
100

Pno.
100