

# I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*for soloist, SATB choir and piano*

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**Joyfully** ♩ = 76

The score is written in B-flat major and 12/8 time. It begins with a piano introduction of 8 measures. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The vocal parts (Solo, SA, TB) enter at measure 4. The lyrics "Peace on earth! Peace on earth!" are placed under the vocal lines. The Solo part has a melodic line with a final note on "I". The SA and TB parts provide harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, providing a rhythmic and harmonic foundation for the vocalists.

Solo

SA

TB

Peace on earth! Peace on earth!

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8

Solo

heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, And  
thought how, as the day had come, The bel - fies of all Chris - ten - dom Had

SA

Ding dong, ding dong,

TB

8

10

Solo

wild and sweet the words re - peat Of peace on earth, good will to  
rolled a - long th'un - bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to

SA

ding dong, ding dong, ding dong!

TB

10

12

Solo

men. \_\_\_\_\_  
men. \_\_\_\_\_

SA

Peace on earth! Peace on earth! Peace on earth, good will to men!

TB

16

Solo

And in de-spair I bowed my head: "There

SA

Ding dong, — ding dong, — ding dong,

TB

16

19

Solo

SA

TB

21

Solo

SA

TB

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Solo

Sop solo

SA

TB

8

*Soprano solo*

Then

Good will \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ men! \_\_\_\_\_ Good

will to men! Peace on earth, peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

27

Solo

Sop solo

SA

TB

8

pealed the bells more loud \_\_\_\_\_ and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth \_\_\_\_\_ he sleep; The

will \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ men! \_\_\_\_\_ Good will \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ men! \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_

Peace on earth, peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

29

Solo

29

Sop solo

SA

TB

29

wrong shall fail, the right pre-vail, With peace on earth, good will \_\_\_ to men." \_\_\_\_\_

wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, with peace on earth good will \_\_\_ to men! \_\_\_\_\_

Wrong fail, Right pre-vail with peace on \_\_\_ earth! \_\_\_ Peace on earth,

32

Solo

SA

TB

32

Till,

peace on earth! \_\_\_ Peace \_\_\_ on earth, good will to men! \_\_\_

35

Solo

ring - ing, sing - ing, on its way, The world re - volved from night to day, A

SA

Ding dong ding! Ding dong ding!

TB

35

37

Solo

voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime, Of

SA

Peace on earth, peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

TB

37

The musical score is arranged in a system with seven staves. The Solo part is on the top staff, followed by vocal parts S1, S2, A, T, and B. The piano accompaniment is at the bottom. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 8/8. The score begins at measure 39. The lyrics for the vocal parts are: Solo: "peace on earth, peace on earth,"; S1: "Peace on earth, Peace on earth! Peace on"; S2: "Peace on earth, peace on earth! Peace on earth, on"; A: "Peace on earth, Peace, peace on earth, on earth!"; T: "Peace on earth, peace! Peace on earth, peace on earth!"; B: "Peace on earth, Peace on earth! Peace on earth!"; Piano: "Peace on earth, Peace on earth! Peace on earth!"



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41

Solo

8

peace on earth, good will to men!

S

41

earth, peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

A

Peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

T

8

Peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

B

Peace on earth! Peace on earth, peace on earth!

44

Solo

8

SA

Peace on earth, peace on earth! Ding dong, ding dong, ding!

TB

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