

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Medium-voice solo

Text by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

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$\text{♩} = 60$

The musical score is written for a medium-voice solo and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) begins with a piano (*mp*) dynamic. The piano part includes a first ending (marked '1. 1') and a second ending (marked '2') that leads to a section labeled '(piano for verse 2 only)'. The second system (measures 5-6) continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 7-10) features a vocal line with two endings (marked '1.' and '2.') and a piano part that becomes *tacit* (silent) during the first ending. The piece concludes with a 6/4 time signature.

mp 1. 1 heard the bells on Christ - mas day, Their old fa - mil - iar
thought how as the day had come the bel - fries of all

(piano for verse 2 only)

6
car - ols play, and wild and sweet the words re - peat of
Chris - ten - dom had rolled a - long the un - bro - ken song of

8 1. 10 2.
peace on earth, peace on earth, I peace on earth, peace on earth,

(*tacit*)

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(Melody meas. 16-17 & 49-50:
John Baptiste Calkin)

12 14

Peace on earth good will to men.

mf

16 18

mf And in de - spair I bowed my head, "There___

20

is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and___

22 24

mocks the song of peace on earth, peace on earth,

8va - 7

26

p

f

28

30

f Then

32

pealed the bells more loud and deep, "God is not dead nor

34

36

doth he sleep, The wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, With

8va

8va

38

peace on earth, peace on earth, 'til *piu f* ring - ing, sing - ing

40

on its way the world re - volved from night to day, a

42

44

voice, a chime, a chant su - bline, of peace on earth, peace on earth,

46

rit.

8va

mp *ten.* 48

Peace on earth good will to men.

50

mp *ten.*

pp