

# I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

SATB

Text by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
Music by Sally DeFord

♩ = 60

2 4

Tenor/Bass unison: *mp*

1. |

The first system of the score consists of three staves. The top staff is a bass clef line for Tenor/Bass unison, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 60. It contains two measures of rests, followed by a measure with a fermata, and a final measure with a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time and consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes. The dynamic marking *mp* is placed below the piano part.

*mp* Soprano/Alto unison, verse 2 only:

6 8

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ Oo, \_\_\_\_\_

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 - fries of all Chris - ten - dom had

The second system of the score consists of three staves. The top staff is a soprano/alto unison line, starting at measure 6. It contains two measures of rests, followed by a measure with a fermata, and a final measure with a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time and consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes. The dynamic marking *mp* is placed below the piano part. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.



10 12 1.

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ (tacet)

wild and sweet the words re - peat of peace on earth, peace on earth, I  
 rolled a - long the un - bro - ken song of

14 16 (Melody meas. 16-17 & 49-50: John Baptiste Calkin)

2. *div.* *div.*

peace on earth, peace on earth, Peace on earth god will to  
 peace on earth, peace on earth, Peace on earth, god will to

18 20

men. *p* And

men.

*mf* *p*

22 24

in de - spair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For

26 28 *rit.*

hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, peace on earth,  
 (Alto: peace on earth )

*8va*

*rit.*

30 32

*unison f* Then

*a tempo* *f*

3

34

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

36

38

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

*Sua*

40

peace on earth, peace on earth, (div.) 'til *piu f* ring - ing, sing - ing

*3*

*piu f*

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

46 chant su - blime, of peace on earth, *rit.* peace on earth,  
 (Alto/Tenor: Peace, peace, ) (A/T/B: peace on earth,)

50 *mp* Peace on earth, good will to men. *p*  
 (Tenor: good will to men.)