

For Patrick Allies and the Bourne Singers

# I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

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(1807–1882)

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ED NEWTON-REX

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SOPRANO *f*  
I heard the bells on Christ-mas Day Their old fa-mi-liar ca-rols

ALTO *f*  
I heard the bells on Christ-mas Day Their old ca-rols

TENOR *f*  
I heard the bells on Christ-mas Day Their old fa-mi-liar ca-rols

BASS *f*  
I heard the bells on Christ-mas Day Their old ca-rols

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PIANO  
(for rehearsal only)

4 *sub mp* *f*  
play, And wild and sweet The words re-peat Of peace on earth, good-will to

*sub mp* *f*  
play, And wild and sweet The words re-peat Of peace on earth, good-will to

*sub mp* *f*  
play, And wild and sweet The words re-peat Of peace, of

*mf* *f*  
play, The words re-peat Of peace, of

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*p* *p*

men, to men! And thought how, as the day had

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peace on earth, good-will to men! And thought how, as the day had

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*sub f*

S  
A  
T  
B

come, The bel - fries of all Chri - sten - dom Had

*sub f*

16

(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) \_\_\_\_\_

rolled a - long Th'un - bro - ken song,

song Of

*mp legato* *p* *sub f*

ah \_\_\_\_\_

ah \_\_\_\_\_ Of peace on earth, good-will to men! Till ring-ing, sing-ing

peace on earth, good-will to men, to men! *mp legato* *p* *sub f*

*dim* *mp*  
A

on its way, The world re-ved from night to day, \_\_\_\_\_

*dim*

voice, \_\_\_\_\_ a chime, \_\_\_\_\_ A chant \_\_\_\_\_ sub - lime \_\_\_\_\_ *p* *p*  
Of

*mp* *mp* *p*

ah \_\_\_\_\_ ah \_\_\_\_\_ ah \_\_\_\_\_

*mp* *p*

peace on earth, good-will to men! *mp*

*p* good - will to men! Then from each black, ac - curs - ed

*p* *mp*

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*pp*

mouth The can - non thun - dered in the South, And with the

*pp*

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sound The ca - rols drowned Of peace on earth, good -

46

*pp molto cresc* *ff*

-will to men! It was as if an earth-quake rent The

*pp molto cresc* *ff*

52

*sub p*

hearth-stones of a con - ti - nent, and made for -

*sub p*