

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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Music: J.B.Calkin Arr. Martin Green

$\text{♩} = 86$

The musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting with a rest. The second staff is for the piano. The third staff is for the basso continuo. The fourth staff is for the piano. The vocal part begins at measure 1 with the lyrics "I heard the bells on". The piano and basso continuo provide harmonic support throughout the piece. Measures 1-5: "I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet the". Measures 6-10: "words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to men. I". Measures 11-15: "thought how as the day had come, The bel-fries of all Chris - ten-dom Had". The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat.

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roled a-long th'un - bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to

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men. And in de-spair I

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bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and"

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mocks the song Of peace of earth, good will to men."

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(8) Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God

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(8) is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right pre-vail, With

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(8) peace on earth, good will to men." Till,

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

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(8) voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime, Of peace on earth, good will

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(8) to men! Peace on earth.