

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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Like bells on a church

Musical notation for the first system, measures 1-5. The treble clef staff contains a melodic line with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The bass clef staff contains a simple accompaniment. The key signature has two flats and the time signature is 4/4.

Red.

Musical notation for the second system, measures 6-8. The treble clef staff continues the melody. The bass clef staff has a change in time signature from 4/4 to 2/4 at measure 7, then back to 4/4 at measure 8.

Musical notation for the third system, measures 9-10. The treble clef staff has a melodic line. The bass clef staff has a simple accompaniment. The lyrics "I heard the bells on" are written below the notes.

Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 11-14. The treble clef staff has a melodic line. The bass clef staff has a simple accompaniment. The lyrics "Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar car - ols play; And wild and sweet the" are written below the notes.

words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all

Chris - ten-dome Had rolled a-long th'un bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good

will to men.

And in de-spair I

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

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

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rit. *mf* *expressive, joyous* *ff*

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God

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is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the

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right pre-vail, with peace on earth, good will to men."

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Till, ring - ing sing - ing, on its way, The world re-volved from

night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime, Of peace on earth, good

will to men!

p *mf*

rit.

