

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

(S. A. T. B. and Piano)

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), "Christmas Bells" (25 December 1864);
in *Our Young Folks*, vol. 1, no. 2 (February 1865), p. 123

Music: John Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905), WALTHAM (1848); in *The Hymnary* (London, 1872),
no. 521 (second tune), p. 481; Joseph Mainzer (1801-1851), MAINZER (1845); in *Methodist Tune Book*
(Toronto, 1881), no. 23 (hymn 468), p. 12; altered

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♩ = 92

Tune: WALTHAM (1848)
unis.

T
B

1. I heard the bells on Christ-mas day Their old fa-mil-iar

8

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car-ols play, And wild and sweet the words re-peat Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

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unis.

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

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

-will to men.

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-will to men.

div. 29

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3. Till ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The world re-volved from night to day,

div.

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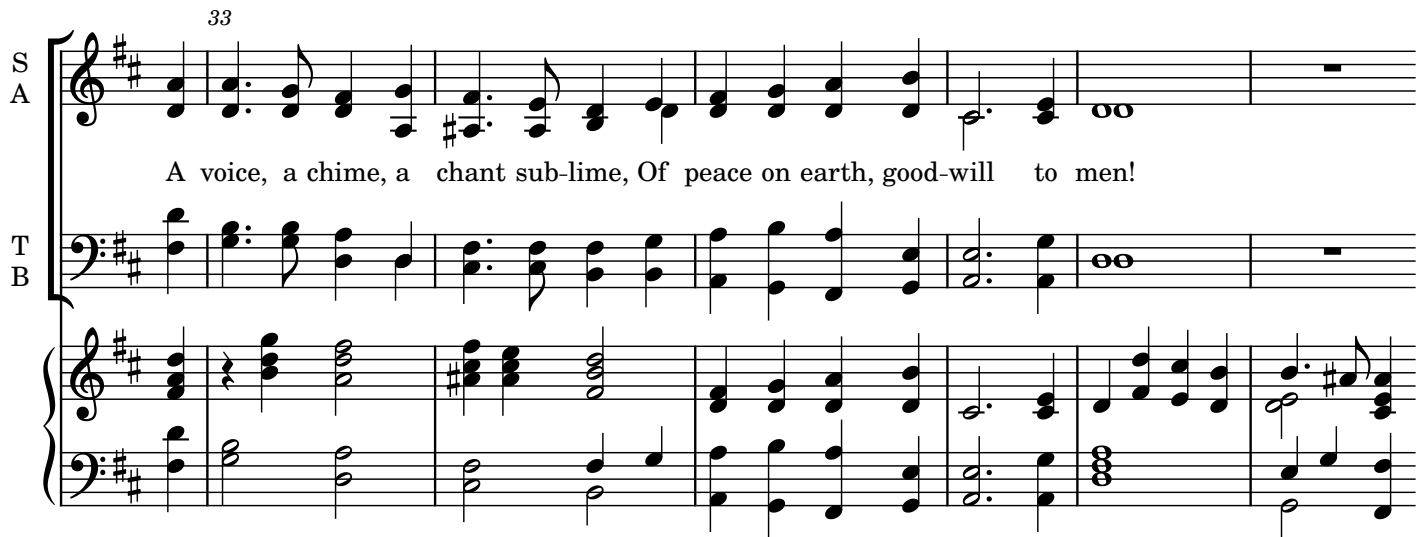
3. Till ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The world re-volved from night to day,

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A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!



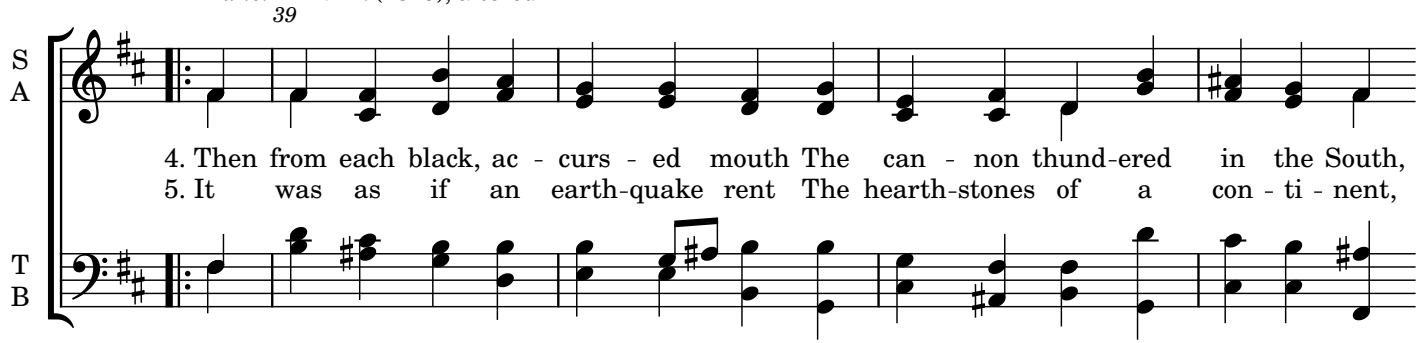
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S
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4. Then from each black, ac - curs - ed mouth The can - non thund-ered in the South,
5. It was as if an earth-quake rent The hearth-stones of a con - ti - nent,



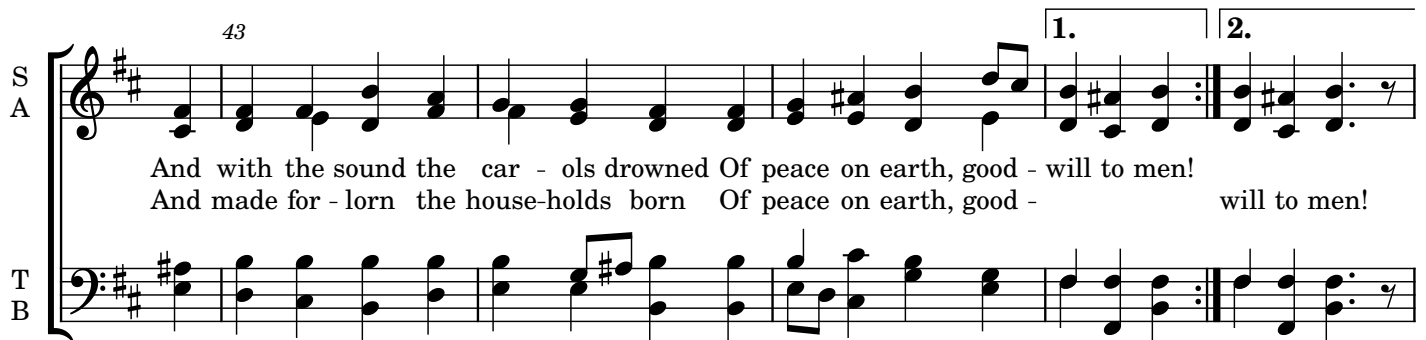
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1. And with the sound the car - ols drowned Of peace on earth, good - will to men!
And made for - lorn the house-holds born Of peace on earth, good - will to men!

2.




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6. And in de-spair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on

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53 *div.*

S A

earth, no peace on earth; _____ For hate is strong and mocks the song Of

T B

earth, no peace," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of

div.

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S A

peace on earth, good - will to men!"

T B

peace on earth, good - will to men!"

unis. 64

S A

7. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;

T B

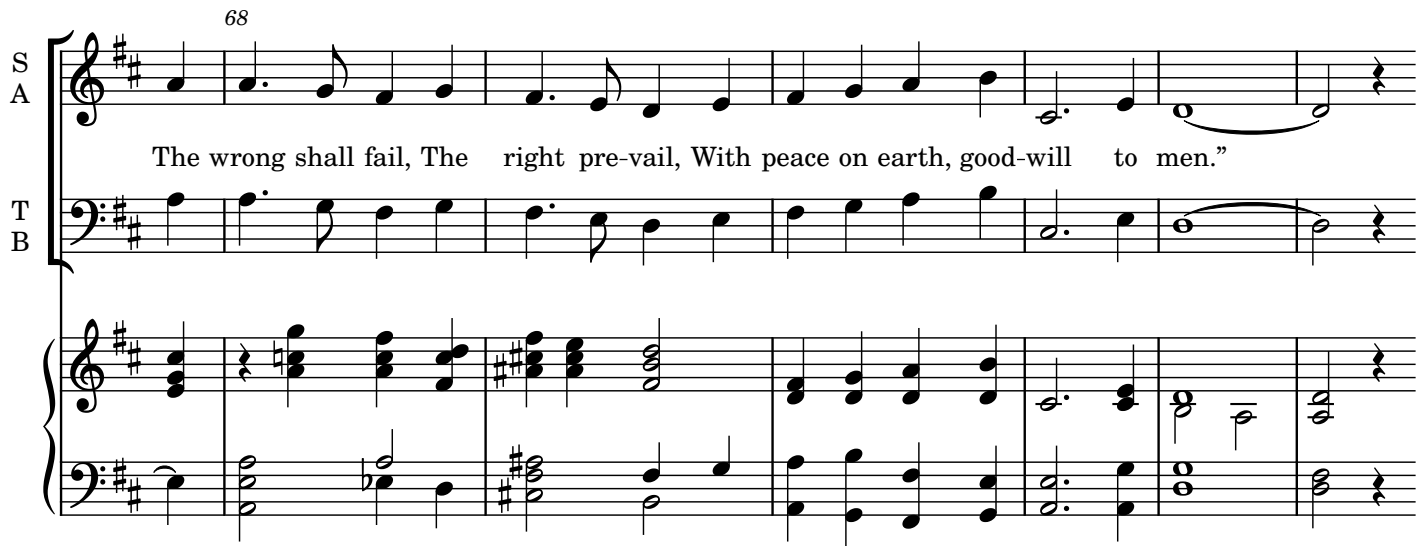
unis.

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S
A

The wrong shall fail, The right pre-vail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

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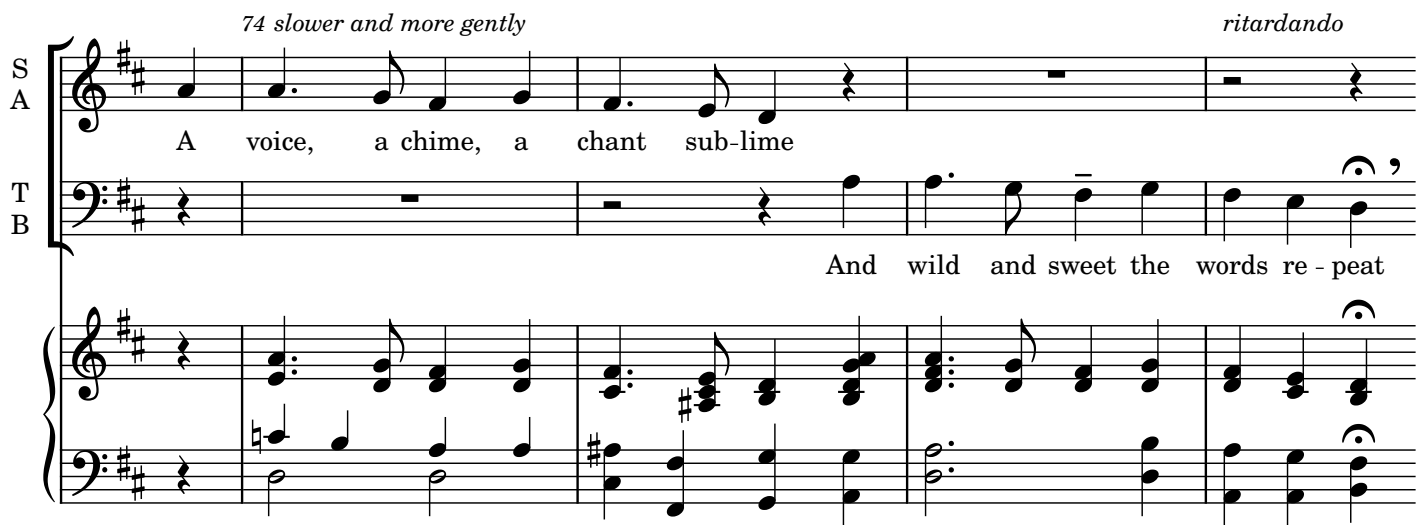
74 *slower and more gently* *ritardando*

S
A

A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime

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B

And wild and sweet the words re - peat



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S
A

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

T
B

Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

