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I Heard the Bells

A Song of Peace

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
(1807-1882), alt.

SAB with piano, opt. handbells*

Laura Farnell

Joyfully! ♩. = 70

Handbells

p *cresc. poco a poco*

Piano

p *cresc. poco a poco*

If not performing with opt. handbells, piano may play the handbell introduction, OR the piece may begin at m11 (omit m1-10).

6

HB

Pno.

LH

f

LV

R

11

HB

mp *cresc.*

Pno.

mp *cresc.*

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HB

16

Pno.

16

Sk

20

mf

HB

20

S

mf

I heard the bells, the bells ring all the day**
on Christ - mas day

A

mf

I heard the bells, the bells ring all the day**
on Christ - mas day

B

mf

I heard the bells, the bells ring **
on

Pno.

20

mf

**Use alternate text "on Christmas Day" for Christmas holiday use.

24

S Their old fa - mi - liar, fa - mil - liar car - ols play, And

A Their old fa - mi - liar, fa - mil - liar car - ols play, And

B all the day** fa - mi - liar car - ols play,
Christ - mas day

24

Pno.

28 ♩ = 112

S wild and sweet the words re-peat of peace,

A wild and sweet the words re-peat of peace on earth good -

B Peace on earth, good -

28 ♩ = 112

Pno.

*throughout the piece, either or both notes may be performed at baritone divisi marked with asterisk

31 *mf*

S Wild and sweet the words re-peat of

A will to all! ^{**} And wild and sweet the words re-peat of
men!

B will to all! ^{**}
men!

Pno.

34 $\text{♩} = 70$ *cresc.* *mf*

S peace on earth! And I thought how,

A *cresc.* peace, of peace on earth! And I thought how, *mf*

B *cresc.* of peace on earth! And I thought *mf*

Pno. *cresc.* *f* *mf*

*** throughout the remainder of the piece, the alternate text indicates original poetry text and may be used if desired*

38 *mf*

HB

38

S while bells rang on their way, The wea - ry world

A while bells rang on their way, The wea - ry world

B

how, while bells rang on their way, The wea - ry

38

Pno.

42 *mp* ♩ = 112

HB

42 *mp* ♩ = 112

S re-volved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime of

A re-volved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime of

B

world re - volved.

42 ♩ = 112

Pno.

46

HB

S

A

B

Pno.

mp

peace, Voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime of

peace on earth, good - will to all! ** A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime of

mp * * * * men!

Peace on earth, good - will to all! ** men!

50 $\text{♩} = 70$ LV

HB

S

A

B

Pno.

cresc. *f*

peace on earth, peace on earth!

cresc. *f*

peace, of peace on earth, peace on earth!

cresc. *f* *

Of peace on earth, peace on earth!

54

HB

54

S

A

B

Pno.

p

dim.

59

HB

59

S

A

B

Pno.

pp

f

f

subito f

Then came the can-nons and with their sound

Then came the can-nons and with their sound

Then came the can-nons and with their sound

2

64

S The bells' song van - ished, their car - ols drowned, And *p dolce*

A The bells' song van - ished, their car - ols drowned,

B sound The bells' song van - ished, their car - ols drowned, their car - ols

Pno. 64 *dim.*

68

S in de - spair I bowed my head;

A *pp* And in de - spair *p* "There is no

B *pp* drowned, *pp* And in de - spair

Pno. 68 *p*

72 *cresc.* *mf*

S "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For _____

A peace, *cresc.* *mf* no peace on earth," I said, "For

B *p cresc.* *mf* "There is no peace on _____ earth," I said; "For

Pno. 72 *cresc.*

76

S hate is strong and mocks the song of peace,

A hate is strong and mocks the song of peace,

B *mf* hate is strong and mocks the song of peace,

Pno. 76 *mf*

81 **Slower** ♩ = 84-88 *p* *esspressivo* *poco rit.*

HB

81 **Slower** ♩ = 84-88 *pp* *poco rit.*

S

peace on earth".

A

peace on earth".

B

81 **Slower** ♩ = 84-88 *pp* *esspressivo* *poco rit.*

Pno.

peace on earth." *play cued notes only in absence of opt. handbells*

86 **Joyfully!** ♩ = 70 *mp* *cresc.* *f*

HB

86 **Joyfully!** ♩ = 70 *f*

S

Then pealed the bells,

A

Then pealed the bells,

B

86 **Joyfully!** ♩ = 70 *mp* *molto cresc.* *f*

Pno.

Then pealed the

HB

97

LV

Sw

Sw

Sw

Sw

LV

S

97

Right pre-vail with peace,

Wrong shall fail, the

A

97

Right pre-vail with peace on earth, good - will to all. ^{**} The Wrong shall, fail, the —

men.

B

97

"Peace on earth, good - will to all. ^{**} men.

Pno.

97

HB

101

LV

LV

Sk

f Sk

S

101

Right pre-vail with peace on earth, peace on earth!"

f

A

101

Right pre-vail with peace, with peace on earth, peace on earth!"

f

B

101

with peace on earth, peace on earth!"

f

Pno.

101

cresc.

f

105 R LV

HB

S

A

B

Pno.

Peace on earth! Let there be

Peace on earth! Let there be

Peace on earth! Let there be

110

HB

S

A

B

Pno.

peace on earth!

peace on earth!

peace on earth!

Sk Sk R

2 2

2 2