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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

f

Pno.

f

LH

*

11

HB

mp *cresc.*

Pno.

mp *cresc.*

* Handbell score available from the publisher:
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16

HB

Pno.

Sk

20

HB

S

A

B

Pno.

mf

mf

mf

mf

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

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

I heard the bells, the bells ring **
on

**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

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 -

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,

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

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

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

38

HB *mf*

S 38

A

B

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

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

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

Pno. 38

42

HB *mp* ♩ = 112

S 42 *mp* ♩ = 112

A *mp*

B

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

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

world re - volved.

Pno. 42 ♩ = 112

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

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

S

A

B

Pno.

p

dim.

59

HB

S

A

B

Pno.

pp

f

f

subito f

c. 96-100

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

64

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

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

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

Pno.
64
dim.

p dolce

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

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

Pno. *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. *mf*

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

HB

81 Slower ♩ = 84-88 *pp* *poco rit.*

S

peace on earth".

A

peace on earth".

B

peace on earth".

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

Pno.

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

86 Joyfully! ♩ = 70 *mp* *cresc.* *f*

HB

LV R

86 Joyfully! ♩ = 70 *f*

S

Then pealed the bells,

A

Then pealed the bells,

B

Then pealed the

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

Pno.

Then pealed the

HB

S
A
B

Right pre-vail with peace, Wrong shall fail, the
 Right pre-vail with peace on earth, good - will to all. The Wrong shall, fail, the —
 "Peace on earth, good - will to all. men.

Pno.

HB

S
A
B

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

Pno.

105 R

HB

105 LV

S

Peace on earth! Let there be

A

Peace on earth! Let there be

B

Peace on earth! Let there be

Pno.

110

HB

Sk

R

S

peace on earth!

A

peace on earth!

B

peace on earth!

Pno.

110

2

2