To Debra Clifton

I Saw Three Ships

Appalachian carol
arr. Shirley W. McRae

Happily \( (\text{j} = 92) \)

Flute

Voices

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1. I saw three ships come sailing in on_
   (2. The) Mother Mary and her baby, on_
   (3. Bless) God, like wise the Son, on_
   (4. And) all the bells on earth did ring, on_

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Christ-mas Day, on Christmas Day, I saw three ships come-
Christ-mas Day, on Christmas Day, the Moth-er, Mary and
Christ-mas Day, on Christmas Day, bless-ed be God, like-
Christ-mas Day, on Christmas Day, and all the bells on-

sail-ing in on Christmas Day, in the morn-ing. And
her ba- by, on Christmas Day, in the morn-ing. He
wise the Son, on Christmas Day, in the morn-ing. Thus
earth did ring, on Christmas Day, in the morn-ing. And
what was in those ships all three, on Christmas Day, on
sat and smiled on her knee, on Christmas Day, on
did she sing the whole day long, on Christmas Day, on
all the angels in heav’n did sing, on Christmas Day, on

Christ-mas Day, and what was in those ships all three, on
Christ-mas Day, he sat and smiled on her knee, on
Christ-mas Day, thus did she sing the whole day long, on
Christ-mas Day, and all the angels in heav’n did sing, on
Christmas Day in the morning?
Christmas Day in the morning.
Christmas Day in the morning.

2. The
3. Bless -
4. And