

I Saw Three Ships

3 octaves
Optional handbells used: 32

Musical notation for the introduction, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, stepwise fashion.

Traditional English carol

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arr. Craig Curry

Dance-like, joyfully (♩. = 100-108)

Handbells
(optional)

Handbell part of the musical score, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 12/8 time signature. The music is marked *mf*.

Piano

Piano accompaniment of the musical score, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 12/8 time signature. The music is marked *mf*.

Musical notation for the main body of the piece, consisting of two systems of staves. The first system includes a handbell part (top) and piano accompaniment (bottom). The second system includes a piano part (top) and piano accompaniment (bottom). The music is marked *mp* and *cresc.*. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 12/8. The piece concludes with a trill and a fermata.

A handbell part is printed on pages 16-18.
Also available for unison/two-part, code CGA1229.

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6

f

S
A

SA unis. f happily

I saw three ships come sail - ing in on

(tr)

f

mf

8

Christ - mas Day, on Christ-mas Day, I saw three ships come sail - ing in on

The musical score is for a piece in G major, 4/4 time. It features piano accompaniment and vocal lines for Soprano (S) and Alto (A). The piano part begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and includes a trill (tr) in the right hand. The vocal lines are marked *f happily*. The lyrics are: "I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day, I saw three ships come sailing in on". The score includes measures 6 and 8.

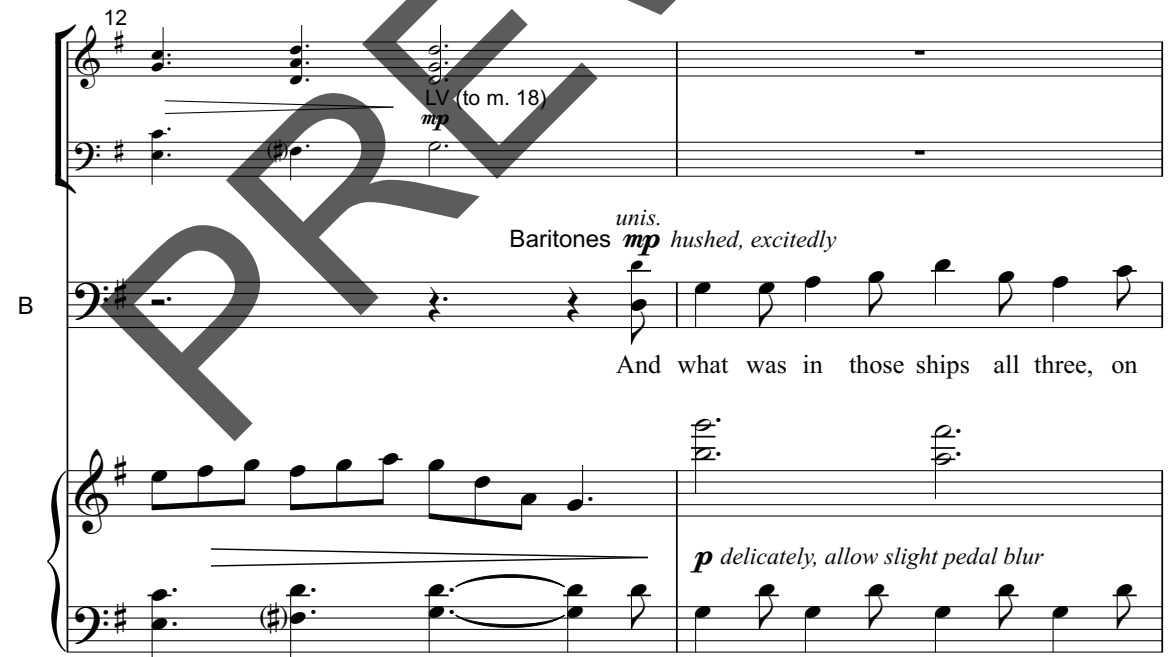
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mf

Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing.

12



mp 1st (to m. 18)

unis. mp hushed, excitedly

B And what was in those ships all three, on

p delicately, allow slight pedal blur

14

Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, and what was in those ships all three, on

16

S A *unis. mf*
Our

B
Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing?

18 Handbells

p

S A *sweetly*
Sav - ior, Christ, and his la - dy, on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, our

mp evenly

20

Sav - ior, Christ, and his la - dy, on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

22

mp

S
A

mf

Pray,

B

mf

mp