

Written for my 2011-2012 Eighth Grade Handbell Ensemble
The Shipley School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Clarion Call

3, 4, or 5 octaves

Handbells used: 37, (48), (57)

3 octave choirs omit notes in ().
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With majesty (♩ = 104)

Michael W. Joy

The word clarion can be used as a noun, an adjective, or a verb. As a noun, it can describe an ancient trumpet, a 4-foot trumpet quality reed stop on an organ, or any similar sound. As an adjective, it means loud and clear. As a verb, it means to proclaim loudly. Clarion is often used in the phrase "clarion call." This phrase can mean an urgent call to action; a direct public request for people to take action, a very clear message about what action is needed; a call to something that is hard to ignore. After I wrote this piece, I was searching for an appropriate title. Once I did some research, the title "Clarion Call" seemed to describe exactly what the music was saying to me. - Michael Joy

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9 10 11 12

2 4 2 4 2 4

LV *mf*

13 14 15 16

R 2 4 2 4 2 4

Sk

17 18 19 20

R

f LV

R

21 22 23 24

Sk

Sk

LV

R

25 26 27 28

LV LV LV R *rit.*

Poco più mosso (♩ = 124)

29 30 31 32

mf

33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40

mf
mp