



I HEARD THE BELLS

For S.A.T.B. Voices and Piano

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Expressively (♩ = c. 76)

H.B. *mp*

Piano *mp*

4 5 *H.B. tacet until m. 13*

S.A. *mp*

I heard the bells on Christ-mas

6 *da* their old fa-mil-iar ca-rols play.

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9 and wild and sweet the words re-peat.

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

12 *H.B.* *mp*

peace on earth, good will to all. And the

And the

15 *lv* *lv* *lv*

bells are ring-ing, ring-ing, ring. Like a choir they're sing-ing.

bells are ring-ing, hear them ring, hear them ring. Like a choir they're sing-ing, like a

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18 *lv* *r*

sing-ing, sing. In my heart I hear them call, sing-ing.

choir hear them sing. In my heart I hear them call, sing-ing.

21 *mf* *mf*

"Peace on earth, good will to all."

"There is no peace on earth, good will to all."

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24 25

And in de-spair I bowed my head.

27 *mf*

"There is no peace on earth," I said. "For hate is strong

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and mocks the song... of peace on earth, good-

— and mocks the song... of peace on earth, good-

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will to all." But the bells are ring-ing, hear them

will to all." But the bells are ring-ing, hear them

36

ring-ing, ring. Like a choir they're sing-ing.

ring, hear them ring. Like a choir they're sing-ing, like a

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sing-ing, sing. In my heart I hear them

hear them sing.

40

call, sing-ing, "Peace on earth, good-will to

43

all."

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Till, ring-ing sing-ing on its way, the world re-volved from

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A voice, a chime,
night to day. A voice, a chime,

54

— a chant sub-lime
— a chant sub-lime a chant sub-lime of "Peace on earth, good -

57

will to all." And the bells are ring- ing,
And the bells are ring- ing, hear them

60

ring - ing, Like a choir they're sing - ing, —
hear them ring. Like a choir they're sing - ing, like a

62

sing - ing, — sing. In my heart I hear them call, sing - ing,
choir hear them sing.

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"Peace on earth, good will to all."

69

Sing.

72

"Peace on earth, good will to all."