

# I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day

SATB, handbells

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**Brisk** (♩ = 108)

Soprano

Alto

Tenor *mf* bouncy  
I Heard the Bells on Christ - mas Day Their

Bass

Handbells  
Tower Swing\*  
L.V.  
*f*

\* Each bell is rung, swung down, and swung back up in the course of 3 beats.

6

T  
old fa-mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet the words re - peat Of

Handbells

10 *mf* bouncy

S/A

T

*legato* 2

8 peace on earth, — good will to men. I

*bouncy*

I

14

S/A

T

8 thought how, — as the day had come, The bel - fies of all Chris - ten - dom Had

12/8

12/8

12/8

12/8

18 *legato* 2

S

A

T

8 rolled a - long — the un - brok - en song Of peace on earth, — good

rolled the song — Of peace on

8 rolled a - long — the un - brok - en song peace on earth, —

*legato* 2

21

S will to men.

A earth.

T — good will to men.

R.  
(T.S.)

26

(♩ = ♩ = 108)

31

S I

A I

T I

B *mp* I

*p*

*p*

*p*

*mp*

*mp*

(♩ = ♩ = 108)

L.V.

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And in des - pair I bowed

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S bowed my head: "No peace" I said. *mf*

A bowed my head: "No peace, For hate is strong and *mf*

T bowed my head: "No peace, For hate is strong and *mf*

B — my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and *mf*

T.D. + + + *f*

40

S

A mocks the song Of peace on earth." *mp legato*

T mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men." *mp legato*

B mocks the song Of peace on earth, — good will to men." *mp legato*

R *mp*