

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Arranged by: Timothy Rohwer

Music: John Baptiste Calkin, 1827-1905

Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1807-1882

Calmly, Peacefully (♩ = c. 105)

Piano

* Ped.

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*Pedal to be used continuously as indicated and throughout as seen fit by pianist to create a bell-like sound

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Women 28

Musical notation for the Women's vocal line, measures 28-32. The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes in a descending line.

I heard the bells on Christmasday Their old fa-mil-iar car-ols play, And wild and sweet the

Piano accompaniment for measures 28-32. The right hand features chords and a melodic line, while the left hand provides a steady bass line. A small asterisk is placed below the first measure of the piano part.

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Musical notation for the Women's vocal line, measures 33-37. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a half note and a whole rest.

words re-peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Piano accompaniment for measures 33-37. The right hand has chords and a melodic line, and the left hand has a bass line. The word "Ped." is written below the piano part in measure 36.

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Piano accompaniment for measures 38-42. The right hand has chords and a melodic line, and the left hand has a bass line.

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Men 44

Musical notation for the Men's vocal line, measures 44-48. The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of quarter and eighth notes.

I thought how, as the day had come, The bel-fries of all

Piano accompaniment for measures 44-48. The right hand has chords and a melodic line, and the left hand has a bass line. A small asterisk is placed below the piano part in measure 48.

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Chris- ten- dom Had rolled a- long th'un- bro- ken song Of peace on earth, good

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will to men.

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Ad.

**Women
& Men
in unison**

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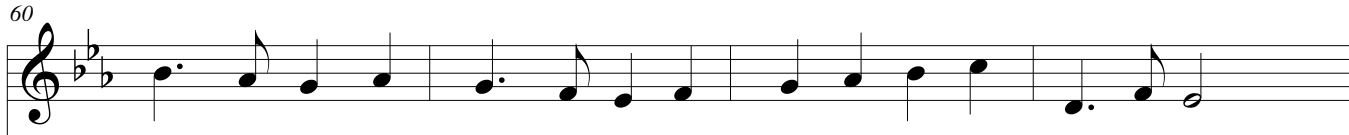
And in de- spair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For

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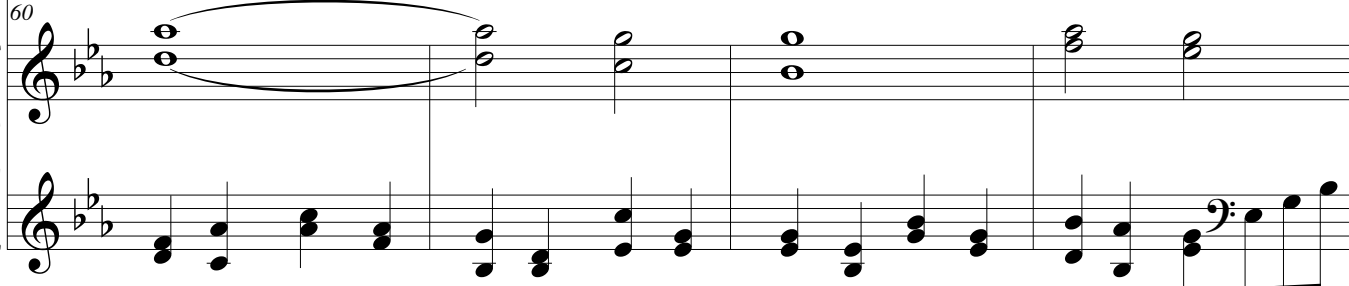
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hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."

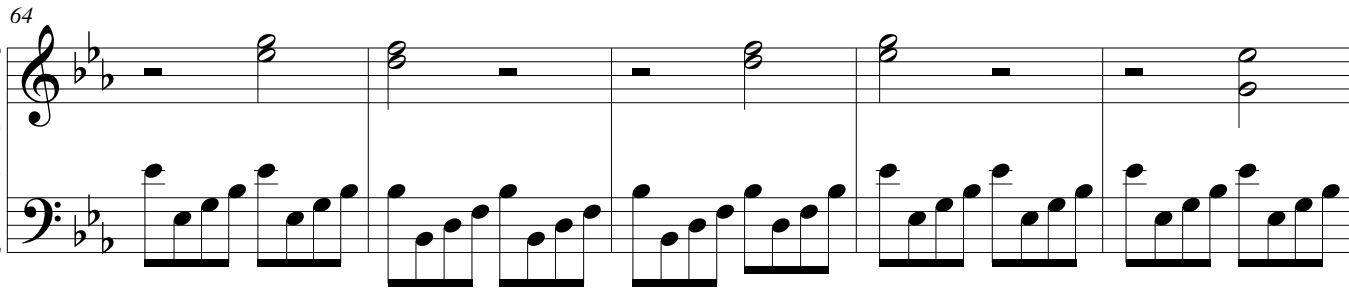
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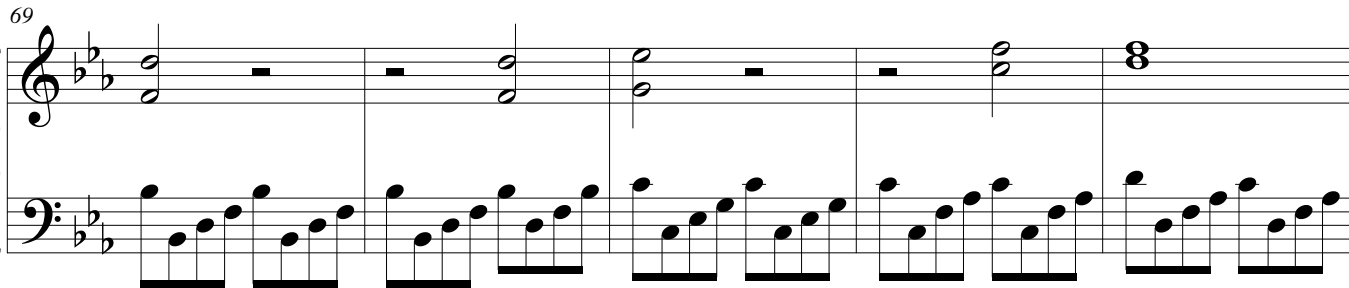
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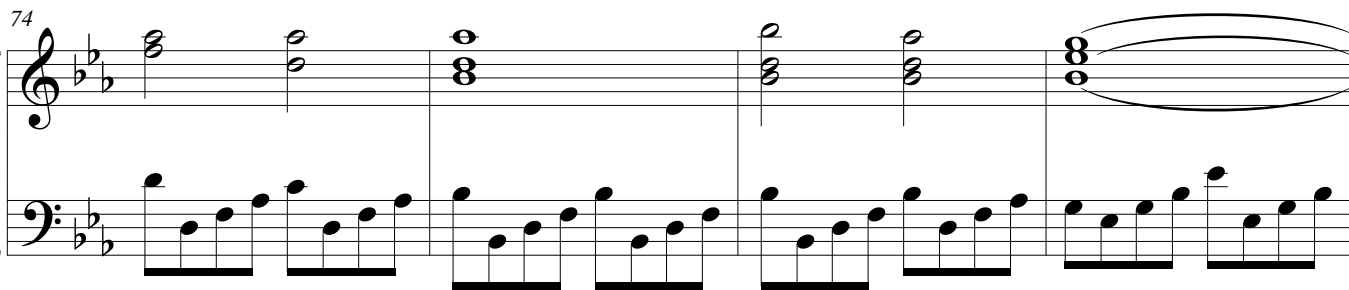
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Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor

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doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right pre- vail, With

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peace on earth, good will to men."

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Red.

Detailed description: This page of a musical score for 'I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day' contains three systems of music. The first system (measures 85-88) features a vocal line with lyrics 'peace on earth, good will to men.'" and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of chords in the right hand and a rhythmic eighth-note pattern in the left hand. The second system (measures 89-92) continues the piano accompaniment, with a 'Red.' marking above the right-hand staff. The third system (measures 93-96) concludes the piano accompaniment with sustained chords in the right hand and a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand.