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Christmas Bells

for SA Choir and Piano

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Jo Nicholls

Moderato, with a lilt

$\text{♩} = 100$

Optional Solo, or Semichorus (unison)

SOPRANO

ALTO

PIANO

f

f

f

mf

I heard the bells on Christ-mas

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5

day, Their old, fa - mi - liar ca - rols play. And wild and sweet The words re -

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9

peat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

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13

2. And thought how, as the day had come, The bell-fries of all Christ-en -

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17

dom Had rolled a - long The 'un-brok-en song Of peace on earth, good-will to

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21

men! 3. Till ring-ing, sing - ing on its way, The world re-

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25

-volved from night to day, A voice, a chime, A chant sub-lime Of peace on

The world re volved to day, A voice, a chime, _____

29

poco rit. $\text{♩} = 90$ *meno mosso* *p*

earth, good - will to men! 4. Then from each

Of peace on earth, _____ good-will to men! 4. Then from each

33

black, ac-curs-ed mouth The can-non thun - dered _____ in the South, And with the

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37

sound The ca - rols drowned Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

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41

f 5. It was as if an earth-quake rent The hearth stones

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f

sub p

45

— of a con - ti - nent, And made for - lorn The house-holds born Of peace on

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p

sub p

Solo

49

earth, good-will to men! 6. And in des-

p

53

pair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said; "For hate is

pp

57

strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will_____ to men!"

$\text{♩} = 100$

61 *poco accel.* . . . *Tempo primo* *f*

7. Then peeled the

65

bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The Wrong shall

f

7. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God doth not sleep;

8va

69

fail, The Right pre - vail, With peace on earth, good - will

The Wrong shall fail, With peace on earth, good

6/4

72

molto rit.

— to men!"

will to men!"

dim.

p