

O Ring the Bells for Christmastide

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Moderato ♩ = 110

Piano introduction in 3/4 time, Moderato tempo. The music features a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The introduction concludes with a trill (tr) on a high note in the right hand.

4 *unison men*

S A

1. O ring the bells for Christ - mas - tide! Their peals of joy — pro -

T B

Vocal line for unison men, starting at measure 4. The melody is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "1. O ring the bells for Christ - mas - tide! Their peals of joy — pro -".

Piano accompaniment for the unison men section, starting at measure 4. The music continues with a steady accompaniment in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand.

11 *unison women*

claim the birth of light a - gain. O sing be - side — the an - gels

Vocal line for unison women, starting at measure 11. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "claim the birth of light a - gain. O sing be - side — the an - gels".

Piano accompaniment for the unison women section, starting at measure 11. The music continues with a steady accompaniment in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand.

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hov - 'ring o'er the earth. 2. For

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love's re - born in - to the dark and drea - ry world where all des -

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paired of light's re - turn to win - ter's stark and lone - ly plain, where

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paired of light's re - turn to win - ter's stark and lone - ly plain, where

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paired of light's re - turn to win - ter's stark and lone - ly plain, where

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paired of light's re - turn to win - ter's stark and lone - ly plain, where

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none was shared. 3. For kind - ness

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beams in Beth - le - hem, just as the gleam - ing star on high. That

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53

bless - ed babe will show to them the prom - ised Way to God there-

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60

by. 4. Now shines the light of

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67

hope a - bove. The shep - herds smile, the wise men bow, and all the

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74

star - ry heav'n sings love and peace up - on — all peo - ples now, and

allargando

74

allargando

81 *molto rit.*

peace up - on all peo - ples now.

81 *molto rit.*