

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Peace on Earth)

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With quiet intensity ♩ = 73

1
8

 N.C.

mp legato

led. * *led.* * *led.* *

WOMEN: unison
mp

4
1. I heard the bells_ on Christ-mas Day,

sim.

6
their old_ fa-mil - iar car-ols play;

1
7

 This symbol refers to the corresponding track numbers on the ChoralTrax Accompaniment CD.
The top number in each box refers to the Stereo Trax; the bottom number, to the Split Trax.

Performance Time: 4:30

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8

and mild and sweet— their songs re - peat—

10

of peace on earth,— good - will to men.

12

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (opt.: a few WOMEN, straight tone throughout)
mp

"Peace on

mp WOMEN (like a Boychoir, straight tone)

"Peace on

MEN: unison mp And the bells— are ring - ing:—

12

C

*Children's Choir vocals are not included on the Split Trax mix of the ChoralTrax Accompaniment CD.

14

earth." "Peace on

(Sop. div.)

earth." "Peace on

Like a choir, they're sing-ing: _____

14 G C

16

earth." "Peace on

earth." "Peace on

In my heart I hear them: _____ "Peace on earth, -

16 G C C2(#4) C

18 3/10

earth." Oh
(vib.)

earth." good-will to men.

18 Em D

20 *mf* (WOMEN: normal voice to end)
unison

2. And in de-spair- I bowed my head,

mf

Em

Stronger, more forceful

22

“There is— no peace on earth,” I said,

C G

24

“For hate is strong— and mocks the— song—

D Em

26

of peace on earth,— good - will to men.”

C G

28

(straight tone)

“Peace on

But the bells— are ring-ing: ————— “Peace on

28

B7
F#

C

cresc.

30

earth.”

“Peace

on

(Sop. div.)

earth.”

Like a choir,— they’re sing-ing: ————— “Peace on

30

G

C

32

earth." "Peace on

earth." "Peace on

Does an - y - bod - y hear_ them? "Peace on earth, -

32

G C C2(#4) C

34



earth." Oh

earth." Oh

— good-will to men."

34

Em D D2(no3) D

37 *mf* *building*

Ah _____ Ah _____

mf

Ah _____ Ah _____

Then rang the bells— more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor doth He—

MEN f

37 C C2(#4) C

f

39

— Peace on— earth,— peace on— earth.—

unison

— Peace on— earth,— peace on— earth.—

— sleep;—

39 Em D

41

Ah Ah

the wrong shall fail, the right pre-vail with peace on earth,

C C2(#4) C

43

f Good-will to men.

f Good-will to men.

good - will to men."

5/12

G Dsus D

46 *WOMEN: unison*
sub. mf

3. Then ring-ing, sing-ing on its way,

Em

mf

48

the world_ re-volved from night to day.

C G

50

A voice, a chime,_ a chant sub - lime_

D Em

52

of peace on earth, - good - will to men.

C G

54

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (straight tone)

"Peace on

f And the bells are ring-ing: "Peace on

54 $\frac{B7}{F\#}$ C

f (Drum fill)



56

earth." "Peace on

earth." "Peace on

Like a choir, they're sing-ing:_____

56 G C

58

earth." "Peace on

earth." "Peace on

With our hearts, we'll hear them:_____ "Peace on earth,_____

58 G C C2(#4) C



60 6/13

earth." Oh

earth." Oh

good - will to men."

60 Em D

62 *ff*

"Peace on

ff "Peace on

Do you hear the bells?_ They're ring-ing:_____

62 D *ff*

(Drum fill)

64

earth," "Peace on

(Sop. div.)

earth," "Peace on

like the an - gels sing-ing: _____

64

A D

66

earth!" "Peace on

earth!" "Peace on

O - pen up — your heart — and hear — them: _____ "Peace on }

66

A D

68 7/14 *unison* ,

earth, good-will to men!"

earth, good-will to men!"

68 *F#m* *E(add4)* *E(no3)*

71 *CHILD SOLO (earnestly, with a straight tone)*
mf

Peace on earth. Peace on earth.

mp hushed, intense, legato

Peace on earth. Peace on earth.

71 *N.C.* *mp*

