

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

SATB Choir

Text by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)
Music by Sally DeFord

$\text{♩} = 60$

2 4 *Tenor/Bass unison:*

mp 1. |

6 *Soprano/Alto unison, verse 2 only:* 8

Oo- - - , Oo- - - ,

heard the bells on Christ- mas day, Their old fa- mil- iar car- ols play, and
thought how as the day had come the bel- fries of all Chris- ten- dom had

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10 12 1.

Oo - - - (tacet)

wild and sweet the words re-peat of peace on earth, peace on earth, I
rolled a- long the un- bro- ken song of

14 16 *div.* (Melody meas. 16-17 & 49-50: John Baptiste Calkin)

peace on earth, peace on earth, Peace on earth good will to

peace on earth, peace on earth, Peace on earth, good will to

18 20

men. *p* And

men.

mf *p*

22

in de-spair I bowed my head, "There is no peace on

24 26

earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song of

Sra :

28 30

peace on earth, peace on earth,

rit.

rit.

a tempo

3

32 34

unison f Then pealed the bells more loud and deep, "God

36 38

is not dead nor doth he sleep, The wrong shall fail, the right pre-vail, With

8va;

40

peace on earth, peace on earth, (*div.*) 'til *piu f* ring- ing, sing- ing

piu f

3

42 on its way the world re- volved from night to day, a voice, a chime, a

46 chant su- blime, of peace on earth, *rit.* peace on earth,

(Alto/Tenor: Peace, peace,)

50 *mp* Peace on *ten.* earth, good will to men. (good will to *p* men.)