

I Saw Three Ships

Traditional

I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody in the upper staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line starts with a whole rest, followed by a dotted half note G2, and then a quarter note A2.

5 I saw three ships come sai - ling in on Christ - mas Day in the mor - ning.

The second system of music continues the piece. The upper staff melody continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5. The bass line features a dotted half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, Bb2, and C3. The system concludes with a double bar line.

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The third system of music shows a more complex accompaniment. The upper staff has a melody of quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line consists of a series of chords, primarily triads and dyads, in the right hand, and single notes in the left hand.

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The fourth system of music continues the accompaniment. The upper staff melody consists of quarter notes D5, E5, F5, and G5. The bass line features a series of chords, primarily triads and dyads, in the right hand, and single notes in the left hand.

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The fifth system of music continues the accompaniment. The upper staff melody consists of quarter notes A5, Bb5, and C6. The bass line features a series of chords, primarily triads and dyads, in the right hand, and single notes in the left hand.

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The sixth system of music concludes the piece. The upper staff melody consists of quarter notes D6, E6, and F6. The bass line features a series of chords, primarily triads and dyads, in the right hand, and single notes in the left hand. The system concludes with a double bar line.

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day?
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas Day in the morning?

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, wither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Pray, wither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas Day in the morning?

O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
And all the souls on earth shall sing,
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice again,
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;
Then let us all rejoice again,
On Christmas Day in the morning.