

*For Carolyn Thompson's inspiring direction of women's vocal music at
Memorial Drive United Methodist Church and Houston Tuesday Musical Club Chorus*

I Saw Three Ships

SATB *divisi* and Piano Four-Hands

Traditional English carol

arr. Mark Hayes

Soprano
Alto

Spirited ♩. = 92

Tenor
Bass

Spirited ♩. = 92

Piano
Primo

s.p.

mf

Piano
Secondo

mf

♩

♩

♩

Text and Tune: Traditional English carol; Sandy's *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, 1833 (PD).
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mf

I saw three ships come sail - ing in,

mf

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

(8va) —————— loco

f

mf

f

mf

Christ-mas Day

Christ-mas Day

Christ-mas Day

7

7

7

7

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12

f

in the morn - ing.

f

in the morn - ing.

f

f

f

v

8va

3

16

(8va)

mf

mf

20 *unis. mf*

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

loco

24

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

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28

div. mp

morn - ing. ————— Ah

unis. mf

And what was in those

32

Ah

ships all three on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? And what was in those

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36

A musical score for piano and voice. The top staff shows the treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The bottom staff shows the bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The vocal line begins with a sustained note followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth-note chords. The lyrics "ships all three on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing?" are written below the vocal line. The score continues with more eighth-note chords and sustained notes. The vocal line starts again with a sustained note followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords and sustained notes. The vocal line ends with a sustained note followed by eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth-note chords and sustained notes.

ships all three on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing?

40

mf

Our Sav - ior Christ and

div. mf

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44

his la - dy on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day; our Sav - ior Christ— and

48

his la - dy on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

mp

mp legato

52

56

unis. mf

Pray whith - er sailed those

mp |

* *mf*

Lo,

mf

mf

*Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr: Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, in 1894 (PD).

Tune: *ES IST EIN' ROS'*, *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599 (PD).

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60

ships all three on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? Pray
how a Rose e'er bloom - ing

This musical score consists of two staves for voices and a staff for the piano/bass. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Measure 60 begins with eighth-note chords in the piano/bass staff. The vocal parts enter with eighth notes. The lyrics "ships all three on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day?" are followed by a rest and then "Pray". The next measure continues with eighth-note chords. The lyrics "how a Rose e'er bloom - ing" follow. The piano/bass staff has a bass clef and a dotted half note at the beginning of the second measure.

64

whith - er sailed those ships all three on Christ - mas Day in the morn -
from ten der stem hath

This musical score continues from the previous page. Measure 64 begins with eighth-note chords in the piano/bass staff. The vocal parts enter with eighth notes. The lyrics "whith - er sailed those ships all three on Christ - mas Day in the morn -" are followed by a rest and then "from ten der stem hath". The piano/bass staff has a bass clef and a dotted half note at the beginning of the second measure.

68

ing?
sprung!

unis. mf

Oh,

72 *div. mp*

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com -

they sailed in - to Beth - le-hem on Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day.

76

ing as men of old

Oh, they sailed in - to Beth - le-hem on Christ - mas Day in the

80

Somewhat freely

have sung.

It came, a

div. *mp*

morn - ing. It came, a

Somewhat freely

84

flow - er bright, a - mid the
flow - er bright, a - mid the

88

rall. = a tempo
cold of win ter when
rall. = a tempo
cold of win ter when
rall. 3 () a tempo
rall. a tempo

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Tempo I (♩ = 92)

92

half - gone was the night.

half - gone was the night.

Tempo I (♩ = 92)

96

unis. *mf*

And all the bells on

8va

mf

mf

100

earth shall ring on Christ-mas Day, on

mf

Ring the joy - ful bells.

8va-----

loco

104

Christ - mas Day; and all the bells on earth shall ring

8va-----

8va-----

107

div.

on Christ - mas Day in the morn -

Ring the joy - ful bells——— on Christ - mas Day in the morn -

(8va) ——————

loco

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111

ing.

ing.

8va

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115

unis. *f*

And all the an-gels in
loco

(8va)

f

118

Ah

heav'n shall sing on Christ-mas Day, on Christ-mas Day; and all the an-gels in

122

morn

div.

heav'n shall sing on Christ - mas Day in the morn

126

ing.

ing.

8va

mf

130

(8va) -

rall.

f

a tempo

Then let us all re -

rall.

f

a tempo

3

rall.

f

a tempo

134

138

joice a - main on Christ - mas Day, on

(8va) -

Christ - mas Day; then let us all re -

3

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146

joice a - main on Christ - mas Day in the

(8va) -

150

morn ing,

(8va) - loco

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154

in the morn - ing.

158

on Christ - mas

7

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161

rall. ***ff*** *a tempo*

Day in the morn -

on Christ-mas Day in the morn -

rall. ***ff*** *a tempo*

rall. ***ff*** *a tempo*

165

ing.

ing.

sforzando

sva

v

v

v

v

v