

Score

I Saw Three Ships

for Choir and Orchestra

Traditional
setting by Robert Tindle

The musical score consists of three systems of staves, each starting with "Allegro Vivo" at a tempo of 96.

System 1: Flute 1, Flute 2, Oboe, Clarinet in B♭ 1, Clarinet in B♭ 2, Bassoon. The bassoon has a prominent solo section with sustained notes and grace notes.

System 2: Horn in F 1, Horn in F 2, Trumpet in C 1, Trumpet in C 2, Trombone 1, Trombone 2, Bass Trombone, Tuba. The brass instruments provide harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

System 3: Timpani, Bells, Chimes, Percussion, Harp, Soprano Alto, Tenor Bass. The harp and percussion sections add texture with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns.

Final System: Violin I, Violin II, Viola, Cello, Contrabass. The strings provide a rhythmic foundation with sustained notes and grace notes.

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[12]

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn.

[12]

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timp.
Bls.
Chm.
Perc.
Hp.

S A
T B

[12]

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ - mas day, on Christ - mas day, I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing.

And

p

pizz.

mp

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39

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

B. Tbn.

Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Perc.

Hp.

S A

T B

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Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

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Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn.

mp

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

C Tpt. 1

C Tpt. 2 Open

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2 *p*

B. Tbn.

Tuba

mfp

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Perc.

mfp

Hp.

mfp

S A

T B

Where

Vln. I

Vln. II *p*

Vla.

Vc. *p*

Cb.

mfp

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57

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn.

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

Perc.

Hp.

S A
did they sail those ships all three, On Christ - mas day, on Christ - mas day, Where did they sail those ships all three, On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing

T B
Oh.

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

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65

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn.

65

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba

Timp.

Bls.

Chm.

65

Perc.

Hp.

S
A
T
B

65

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

Oh, they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem, On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing

they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem, On Christ - mas day on Christ - mas day. Ah _____ On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing

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9

Fl. 1 Fl. 2 Ob. B♭ Cl. 1 B♭ Cl. 2 Bsn.

Hn. 1 Hn. 2 C Tpt. 1 C Tpt. 2 Tbn. 1 Tbn. 2 B. Tbn. Tuba

Timp. Bls. Chm. Perc. Hp. S A T B Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

13

14

And

tr.

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81

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn.

81

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timp.
Bls.
Chm.
Perc.
Hp.
S A
T B
81

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

all the bells shall ring on Christmas day, And all the bells shall ring in the morning And

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11

89

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B-Cl. 1
B-Cl. 2
Bsn.

89

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba
89
Timp.
Bls.
Chm.
Perc.
89
Hp.

S A
T B

89

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

all the souls on Earth shall sing On Christ - mas day, on Christ - mas day, And all the souls on Earth shall sing On Christ - mas day in the morn - ing!

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97

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B-Cl. 1
B-Cl. 2
Bsn.

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timp.
Bls.
Chm.
Perc.
Hp.
S A
T B
Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

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97

p

97

f p cresc.

p cresc.

mp

Then

p cresc.

p cresc.

f p cresc.

f p cresc.

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13

107

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn.

107

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba
Timp.
Bls.
Chm.
Perc.
Hp.

S A
T B

107

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.

cresc.

mf

mp

cresc.

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123

Fl. 1
Fl. 2
Ob.
B♭ Cl. 1
B♭ Cl. 2
Bsn.

123

Hn. 1
Hn. 2
C Tpt. 1
C Tpt. 2
Tbn. 1
Tbn. 2
B. Tbn.
Tuba

j23

Timp.
Bls.
Chm.

j23

Perc.
Hpf.

j23

S A
T B

123

Vln. I
Vln. II
Vla.
Vc.
Cb.