

# Two English Christmas Carols

for 2-3 Octaves of Handbells

Handbells used: 2 octaves (15 bells)  
3 octaves (22 bells)

Musical notation for handbell introduction. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody consists of a series of eighth notes ascending from G4 to G5. The final three notes (G5, A5, B5) are marked as optional with a bracket and the word "optional" above them. The bass line consists of a few notes in the lower register, with the final note marked as optional.

2 octave choirs omit notes in ( ).

## I SAW THREE SHIPS SUSSEX CAROL

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**I SAW THREE SHIPS**  
Brightly (♩ = ca. 112-132)

Piano accompaniment for the carol "I Saw Three Ships". The piece is in 3/4 time. The first system (measures 1-4) shows a piano introduction with dynamics *mp*, *mf*, and *f*. The second system (measures 5-9) includes a melodic line in the right hand starting at measure 8, marked "melody" and *mf*. The third system (measures 10-15) continues the piano accompaniment with rhythmic patterns in the right hand and a steady bass line.

Musical score for measures 16-21. The score is written for piano in two staves (treble and bass clef). Measures 16-21 show a sequence of chords and single notes in both hands, with some tremolos in the right hand.

Musical score for measures 22-27. Measure 25 features a dynamic marking of *p* and the text "TD" above the right hand. Measure 26 features a dynamic marking of *f* and the text "melody" above the bass line. The right hand contains complex chordal textures, while the left hand has a simple bass line.

Musical score for measures 28-32. The right hand continues with complex chordal textures, and the left hand provides a steady bass line. Arrows indicate connections between notes in the two hands across several measures.

Musical score for measures 33-37. The right hand features complex chordal textures, and the left hand has a bass line with some tremolos. Arrows indicate connections between notes in the two hands.