



A Carol of Bells

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Allegro

S *f* Ring, joy - ous bells of

A *f* Ring, joy - ous bells of

T *f* Ring,

B *f* Ring, joy - ous

4
S Lon - don, Swing wild - ly with a will, Sing

A Lon - don, Swing wild - ly with a will, Sing

T ring, joy - ous bells of Lon - don, wild - ly with a

B bells, Swing joy - ous bells, Sing



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S — loud - ly o - ver sea and strand Un - til your voic - es reach the

A — loud - ly o - ver sea and strand Un - til your voic - es reach the

T will, Sing o - ver sea and strand Un - til your voic - es reach the

B loud - ly, sing Un - til your voic - es reach the

10

S land, Where all the bells are still.

A land, Where all the bells are still. The

T land, Where all the bells are still. The

B land, Where all the bells are still. The

13

S The car - il - lons of Ypres, The chimes of Ar - ras

A car - il - lons of Ypres, The chimes of Ar - ras

T car - il - lons of Ypres, The chimes of Ar - ras

B car - il - lons of Ypres, The chimes of Ar - ras

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S town, They hear you and they throb to you, But

A town, They hear you and they throb to you, But

T town, They hear you and they throb to you, But

B town, But

p

19

S can - not e - ven sob to you,

A can - not e - ven sob to you, (Toll sad - ly, bells of

T can - not e - ven sob to you, (Toll,

B can - not e - ven sob to you, (Toll sad - ly, bells of

Più lento

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S (Toll sad - ly, bells of Lon - don, The

A Lon - don, Your sis - ter - bells are un - done), The

T — Toll,) The

B Lon - don, Your sis - ter - bells are un - done), The

f

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Tempo 1

25

S Huns have torn them down. Swing, joy - ous

A Huns have torn them down. Swing,

T Huns have torn them down. Swing,

B Huns have torn them down. Swing,

28

S bells; ring Lon - don bells;

A Swing, bells; Ring,

T Swing, joy - ous bells; ring Lon - don

B Swing, bells; Ring,

31

S Sing on with - out a - bat - ing, And tell them we are

A Sing on with - out a - bat - ing, And tell them we are

T bells; Sing on with - out a - bat - - - ing, And

B Sing on with - out a - bat - ing, And tell them we are

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S wait - - - - - ing,

A wait - ing, tell them we are wait - - - - - ing,

T tell them, _____ and tell them we are wait - ing,

B wait - - - - - wait - - - - - ing,

37

S Boom the bells of St.

A Boom the bells of St.

T *f* "Greet - ings to all!" Boom the bells of St.

B Boom the bells of St.

40

S Paul; "Our loves nev - er var - y,"

A Paul; Vow the

T Paul; Vow the

B Paul; Vow the

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S

A

T

B

bells of St. Mar - y;

bells of St. Mar - y; "Our hearts are a -

bells of Saint Mar - y;

46

S

A

T

B

Growls the great bell of Bow; "Tis far you are

Growls the great bell of Bow;

glow,"

Growls the great bell of Bow;

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S

A

T

B

from us,"

Clash the bells of St. Thom - as;

Clash the bells of St. Thom - as; "And

Clash the bells of St. Thom - as;

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S Add the bells of St. John;

A Add the bells of St. John;

T long you are gone,"

B Add the bells of Saint John;

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S *ff* "Here come the men!"

A *ff* "Here come the men!" Thun - - - -

T *ff* "Here come the men!" Thun - - - -

B *ff* "Here come the men!" Thun - - - -

60

S Thun - - - - ders Big Ben.

A Thun - - - - ders Big Ben.

T - - - - ders Big Ben.

B - - - - ders Big Ben.

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Tempo 1

64

S
A
T
B

Swing glad - ly, ring de - vout - ly, Sing

Swing glad - ly, ring de - vout - ly, Sing

Swing glad - ly, ring de -

Swing glad - ly, Sing

68

S
A
T
B

sol - emn - ly and say: "Wher - ev - er Brit - ish

sol - emn - ly and say: "Wher - ev - er Brit - ish

vout - ly, Sing sol - emn - ly and say: "Wher - ev - er

sol - emn - ly and say: "Wher -

71

S
A
T
B

speech is heard, Wher - ev - er Brit - ish hearts are stirred, There

speech is heard, Wher - ev - er Brit - ish hearts are stirred, There

speech is heard, Wher - ev - er Brit - ish hearts are stirred, There

ev - - - er Brit - ish, Brit - ish hearts are stirred, There

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S is one thought to - day; In pal - ace and in

A is one thought to - day; In pal - ace and in

T is one thought to - day; In pal - ace and in

B is one thought to - day; In pal - ace and in

77

S cot - tage, In vic - ar - age and manse, Your kin - dred wait and

A cot - tage, In vic - ar - age and manse, — Your kin - dred wait and

T cot - tage, In vic - ar - age and manse, Your kin - dred wait and

B cot - tage, In vic - ar - age and manse, — Your kin - dred

81

S pray for you, And con - se - crate the day for you;

A pray for you, And con - se - crate the day for you;

T pray for you, And con - se - crate the day for you; Pray —

B pray for you, And con - se - crate the day for you;

poco rall.

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Più lento

84

S Pray glad - ly, pray de - vout - ly, *cresc.*

A Pray glad - ly, pray de - vout - ly, For all who bat - tle *cresc.*

T For all *cresc.*

B Pray glad - ly, pray de - vout - ly, For all who bat - tle *cresc.*

87

S In Flan - ders or in France.

A stout - ly In Flan - ders or in France.

T In Flan - ders or in France.

B stout - ly In Flan - ders or in France.

Tempo 1

90

S Swing, joy - ous bells; ring, Lon - don bells;

A Swing, Swing, bells; Sing,

T Swing, Swing, joy - ous bells; ring, Lon - don

B Swing, Swing, bells; Ring,

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S Sing on with - out a - bat - ing, And tell _____ them we are

A Sing on with - out a - bat - ing, And tell _____ them we are

T bells; Sing _____ on with - out a - bat - - - ing, And

B Sing on with - out a - bat - ing, And tell _____ them we are

97

S wait - - - - - ing.

A wait - ing, tell them we are wait - - - - - ing.

T tell them, _____ and tell them we are wait - ing.

B wait - - - - - ing.

100

S "God made us glad," Shout the bells of St.

A Shout the bells of St.

T Shout the bells of St.

B Shout the bells of St.

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S Chad; Laugh the

A Chad; Laugh the

T Chad; "Hope ev - er smiles,"

B Chad; Laugh the

106

S bells of St. Giles; "Maid waits for

A bells of St. Giles;

T

B bells of St. Giles;

109

S man." Say the bells of St. Ann;

A Say the bells of St. Ann;

T Say the bells of St. Ann;

B

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S
Sigh the bells of St. Pe - ter;

A
Sigh the bells of St. Pe - ter;

T
"Come home and meet her,"

B
"Come home and meet her,"

116

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S
"In ter - ra pax," *f* Sings Sim - me - ry Axe; *ff* "Here come the

A
Sings Sim - me - ry Axe; *ff* "Here come the

T
Sings Sim - me - ry Axe; *ff* "Here come the

B
Sings Sim - me - ry Axe; *ff* "Here come the

121

S
men!" Thun - - - ders Big

A
men!" Thun - - - ders Big

T
men!" Thun - - - ders Big

B
men!" Thun - - - ders Big

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126

S Ben. _____ And all sing in tune,

A Ben. _____ And all sing in tune, _____

T Ben. _____ And all sing in tune,

B Ben. _____ And all sing in tune, _____

130

S "Let flow'rs be strewn!" In tune they all sing, _____ in

A "Let flow'rs be strewn!" _____ In tune they all sing, they

T "Let flow'rs be strewn!" _____ In tune they all sing, _____ in

B "Let flow'rs be strewn!" _____ In tune they all sing, _____

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Più lento
ff

S _____ tune they all sing, "God save the King!"

A all sing, "God save _____ the King!"

T _____ tune they all sing, "God save the King!"

B _____ "God save the King!"

NOTE: Originally a wartime Christmas carol during WWI, Stanford first set the text in 1916 as a solo song. Postwar 1918, he arranged the song for mixed choir and slightly altered the text. Those alterations are noted with original wording in side parentheses.

Ring, *joyous bells of London, (*Christmas*)
Swing wildly with a will,
Sing loudly over sea and strand
Until your voices reach the land,
Where all the bells are still.
The carillons of Ypres,
The chimes of Arras town,
They hear you and they throb to you,
But cannot even sob to you,
(Toll sadly, bells of London,
Your sister-bells are undone),
The Huns have torn them down.
Swing, Christmas bells; ring London bells;
Sing on without abating, (*Sing through this dark December,*)
And tell them we *are waiting, (*remember*)
“Greetings to all!”
Boom the bells of St. Paul;
“Our loves never vary,”
Vow the bells of St. Mary;
“Our hearts are aglow,”
Growls the great bell of Bow;
“’Tis far you are from us,”
Clash the bells of St. Thomas;
“And long you are gone,”
Add the bells of St. John;
“Here come the men!” (*Quit you like men!*)
Thunders Big Ben.

Swing gladly, ring devoutly,
Sing solemnly and say:
“Wherever British speech is heard,
Wherever British hearts are stirred,
There is one thought to-day;
In palace and in cottage,
In vicarage and manse,
Your kindred wait and pray for you,
And consecrate the day for you;
Pray gladly, pray devoutly,
For all who battle stoutly
In Flanders or in France.
Swing, *joyous bells; ring, London bells; (*Christmas*)
Sing on without abating, (*Sing through this dark December,*)
And tell them we *are waiting, (*remember*)
“God made us glad,” (*make you*)
Shout the bells of St. Chad;
“Hope ever smiles,”
Laugh the bells of St. Giles;
“Maid waits for man,”
Say the bells of St. Ann;
“Come home and meet her,”
Sigh the bells of St. Peter;
“In terra pax,”
Sings Simmery Axe;
“Quit you like men!”
Thunders Big Ben.

And all sing in tune,
“Let flowers be strewn!” (*May it be soon!*)
In tune they all sing,
“God save the King!”

Louis Napoleon Parker (1852-1944)

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