

## I saw three ships

Traditional

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff is in common time (4/4) and G major, with lyrics for three stanzas. The second staff begins with '1.' and is in common time (4/4) and G major, with lyrics for three stanzas. The third staff begins with '2.' and is in common time (4/4) and G major, with lyrics for three stanzas.

1. I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On  
saw three ships come sail - ing in, On  
2. And what was in those ships all three? Our  
with - er sailed those ships all three? O,  
3. And all the bells on earth shall ring, And  
all the souls on earth shall sing. Then

1.  
1.Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, I  
2. Sav - iour Christ and his La - dy. Pray,  
3. all the angels in Hea - ven sing, And

2.  
1.Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.  
2. they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem.  
3. let us all re - joice a - main!

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1

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.

Ich sah drei Schiffe  
heran segeln,  
am Weihnachtstag,  
in der Frühe.

2

And what was  
in those ships all three?  
Our Saviour Christ  
and his lady.  
Pray, whither sailed  
those ships all three?  
O, they sailed into Bethlehem.

Und was war  
in den Schiffen dreien?  
Unser Heiland (Jesus) Christ  
und seine liebe Mutter.  
Sag, wohin segelten  
diese Schiffe drei?  
Ei, sie segelten nach Bethlehem.

3

And all the bells on earth  
shall ring,  
And all the angels in Heaven  
shall sing,  
And all the souls on earth  
shall sing.  
Then let us all  
rejoice amain!

Und alle Glocken auf Erden  
sollen läuten,  
und alle Engel im Himmel  
sollen singen,  
und alle Seelen auf Erden  
sollen singen.  
So lasst uns alle  
laut jubilieren  
(*wörtl.* jubeln mit Macht).

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