

Carol of the Bells

For TTBB* a cappella
Performance Time: Approx. 1:45

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Traditional Music
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Jazz Waltz (♩ = 144, ♩ = ♩[♯])

Tenor I
Tenor II
Baritone
Bass

mp

Deh deht **chk - k - chk, beh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh

A

4 6

deh deh beh doh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh

Hark! Hear the bells, bright sil - ver bells,
All - mp cresc. poco a poco cresc. poco a poco

Tenor I
Ding †

7 8 9 *mp*

now ech - o - ing, good news they bring. Be of good cheer!
sim.

deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh deh beh doh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh

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REHEARSAL NOTES

On the words “ding” and “dong”, sound the “ng” immediately. Work for smoothness in melodic and rhythmic flow throughout. During rehearsal, consider singing the entire piece on “dah” or “doh”.

The most common rhythm, ♩ ♩[♯] needs a light accent on the 2nd eighth note of beat 2 for stylistic authenticity. Rests for breathing purposes are carefully placed throughout this piece. However, if you have a large choir, you may stagger your breathing as needed for a more seamless musical approach. Finally, let your faces reflect the text. Enjoy!

* Available for SATB, SSAA and TTBB
** chk - k - chk -- unvoiced, vocal percussion
† Ding Dong -- all voices go immediately to “ng”

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ding, dong, ding, dong, ding, dong.

Christ - mas is here! Now all is well, sing — we no - el!

deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh beh doh

B Ding

Loud - ly they ring, each an - swer - ing, fill - ing the air, loud -

deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh deh deht chk - k - chk, beh

ding, ding, dong. **C**

ly de - clare. This is the year peace will ap - pear, ha - tred will cease, love -

deh beh doh

Ba ba dot, ba da ba dot, ba da ba dot, ba

— will in - crease, song so sin - cere, mes - sage so clear, hearts draw - ing near, no -

Ba ba dot, ba da ba dot, ba da ba dot, ba

da da ba da. **D**

— need to fear. Love is a - gree - ing, love is re - veal - ing, love is our be - ing,

da da ba da.

Unis. *mf*

we all are one. — Christ - mas bells ring out that love's a trea - sure, —

Unis. *mf*

Christ - mas bells ring, love's a trea - sure, —

mf Ding, dong, *dim.*

So we sing this song in mer - ry mea - sure, — Spread - ing the word, let it be heard, *dim.*

mf So we sing in mer - ry mea - sure, — Ding dong,

To Coda $\oplus$ Dong. *mp*

ding, ding, 35 36 38

each bell a part of — lov - ing hearts. Hark! Hear the bells, bright sil - ver bells, *mp*

ding, ding, Dong.