

I Saw Three Ships

“I Saw Three Ships” is one of many 19th century traditional Christmas carols that come from England.

Arnold Harris’ new vigorous melody gives a sense of the excitement at the docks as everyone exclaims that they “saw” the three ships.

The arrangement features each vocal part having the melody and also the opportunity to sing the counter melody.

There are optional solos for baritone and soprano.

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Traditional English Carol

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♩ = 60

Soprano/Alto

Tenor/Bass

Piano

f *mf*

Optional solo *mf*

I saw three

S/A

T/B

Pno.

ships_ come sail-ing in on Christ-mas Day on Christ-mas Day_ I saw three

S/A

T/B

Pno.

ships__ come sail-ing in on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing, I saw!

5

mf

S/A

1. And what was on those ships those ships all three_

2. Pray whi - ther sailed those ships those ships all three_

T/B

Pno.

10

S/A

1. And what was on sailed those ships all_ three I saw!

2. Pray whi - ther sailed those ships all_ three I saw!

T/B

Pno.

15

S/A

1. The Vir - gin Ma - ry and Christ were there on Christ - mas day_

2. *p* Oh they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem_ Beth - le - hem Bethle - hem_

T/B

I saw threeships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas day_ on Christ - mas day_

Pno.

20

S/A

1. The Vir - gin Ma - ry and Christ were there I saw!
 2. Oh they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem, Beth-le - hem, I saw!

T/B

I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing, I saw!

Pno.

Optional solo
mf

25

S/A

I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas Day on Christ - mas Day

T/B

Pno.

Tutti

S/A

I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing, I saw!

T/B

mp oo in the morn - ing I saw! *f*

Pno.

mf *f*

30

S/A I saw three ships come sail-ing in on Christ-mas Day on Christ-mas Day

T/B And all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christ-mas Day

Pno.

35 *mp*

S/A I saw three ships come sail-ing in on Christ - mas Day on

T/B And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christ - mas Day on

Pno. *mp*

mf *f*

S/A Christ - mas Day on Christ - mas Day in the morn-ing. I saw!

T/B *mf* *f* Christ - mas Day on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing I saw!

Pno. *mf* *f*