

The Bells

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Animato, leggiero (cca. ♩ = 120)

mf *mp*

Soprano
Hear the sled-ges with the bells, Sil-ver bells, Sil-ver

mf *mp*

Mezzo-Soprano
Hear the sled-ges with the bells, Sil-ver bel'

mf *mp*

Alto
Hear the sled-ges with the bells,

Tenor

Baritone

Bass

p

S
What a world
-dy for-tells! How they tin-kle, tin-kle, tin-kle, In the

p

Mz
What
their me-lo-dy for-tells! How they tin-kle, tin-kle, tin-kle, In the

p

A
mer-ri-ment their me-lo-dy for-tells! How they tin-kle, tin-kle, tin-kle, In the

p *pp*

tin - kle,

p *pp*

tin - kle,

7

mp *mf*

S i - cy air of night! While the stars that o - ver-sprin - kle, All the hea - vens, seem to twin - kle With a

mp *mf*

Mz i - cy air of night! While the stars that o - ver-sprin - kle, All the hea - vens, seem to twin

mp *mf*

A i - cy air of night! While the stars that o - ver-sprin - kle, All the hea - vens, °

mp *mf*

T While the stars that o - ver-sprin - kle, All the With a

p *pp* *mp*

B tin - kle, o - ver-sprin - kle, to twin - kle With a

p *pp* *mp*

B tin - kle, a - vens, seem to twin - kle With a

10

rit. *cc* *mf* *p* *accel.*

S cry - stal - line de - light; In a sort of Ru - nic rhyme, To the tin - ti - na - bu - la - tion that so

f *mf* *p*

Mz cry - sta! In a sort of Ru - nic rhyme, To the tin - ti - na - bu - la - tion that so

f *mp* *mf* *p*

A In a sort of Ru - nic rhyme, To the tin - ti - na - bu - la - tion that so

mp *mf* *p*

de - light; Keep - ing time, time, time, To the tin - ti - na - bu - la - tion that so

mp *mf* *p*

cry - stal - line de - light; Keep - ing time, time, time, To the tin - ti - na - bu - la - tion that so

f *mp* *mf* *p*

B cry - stal - line de - light; Keep - ing time, time, time, To the tin - ti - na - bu - la - tion that so

14 *mf* *f*

S mu - si - cal - ly wells From the bells, bells, bells, bells, Bells, bells, bells, From the

Mz *mf* *f*

Mz mu - si - cal - ly wells From the bells, bells, bells, bells, Bells, bells, bell

A *mf* *f*

A mu - si - cal - ly wells From the bells, bells, bells, bells, Bells,

T *mf* *f*

T mu - si - cal - ly wells From the bells, bells, bells, bells, .rom the

B *mf* *f*

B mu - si - cal - ly wells From the bells, bells, be' bells, From the

B *mf* *f*

B mu - si - cal - ly wells From the bell bells, bells, bells, From the

17 *rit.* *mp*

S jing-ling and the

Mz jing bells.

A .-ling of the bells.

and the tink-ling of the bells.

jing-ling and the tink-ling of the bells. bells, bells, from the bells, bells, bells, bells,

B jing-ling and the tink-ling of the bells, bells, bells, from the bells, bells, bells, bells,

21

mf

S Gol-den bells, Gol-den bells! What a world of hap-pi-ness their

Mz Gol-den bells, Gol-den bells! What a world of hap

mf

A Hear the mel-low wed-ding bells, Gol-den bells, Gol-den bells! What a

mf

T Hear the mel-low wed-ding bells, Gol-den bells, Gol-den bell

B bells, from the bells, bells, s, from the

B bells, from the bells, bells, bells, from the bells, from the

24

mp

S me-lo-dy for-tells! at night How they ring out their de-light! From the

Mz me-lo bal-my air of night How they ring out their de-light! From the

mf

A through the bal-my air of night How they ring out their de-light! From the

mp

for-tells! Through the bal-my air of night How they ring out their de-light! From the

p

bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, from the bells, bells,

mf

B bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, from the bells, bells,

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p *mf* *f* *ff*

S out the soun - ding cells, What a gush of eu-pho-ny vo - lu - mi-nou-sly wells! How it

Mz out the soun - ding cells, What a gush of eu-pho-ny vo - lu - mi-nou-sly we'

A *p* *mp* *mf* *f* cells, Oh, from out the soun-ding cells, of eu-pho-ny vo - lu - m'

T *p* *mp* *mf* *f* cells, Oh, from out the soun-ding cells, of eu-pho-ny How it

B *p* *mf* *ff* out the soun-ding cells, What a gush of au-sly wells! How it

B *p* *mf* *ff* out the soun-ding cells, W' - lu - mi-nou-sly wells! How it

With enthusiasm (cca. ♩ = 120)

38

S swells! How it dwells! On the fu-ture! how it tells Of the rap-ture that im - pels To the

Mz swells! On the fu-ture! how it tells Of the rap-ture that im - pels To the

A On the fu-ture! how it tells Of the rap-ture that im - pels To the

B it dwells! On the fu-ture! how it tells Of the rap-ture that im - pels To the

B swells! How it dwells! On the fu-ture! how it tells Of the rap-ture that im - pels To the

41

S swin-ging and the rin-ging Of the bells, bells, bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells

Mz swin-ging and the rin-ging Of the bells, bells, bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, be'

A swin-ging and the rin-ging Of the bells, bells, bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, b

T swin-ging and the rin-ging Of the bells, bells, bells, Of the bells bells, bells,

B swin-ging and the rin-ging Of the bells, bells, bells bells, bells, bells, bells,

B swin-ging and the rin-ging Of the bell's, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,

mf *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f* *mf* *f*

45

S bells, bells, bells, To of the bells!

Mz bells, be' the chi-ming of the bells!

A rhy-ming and the chi-ming of the bells!

bells, To the rhy-ming and the chi-ming of the bells!

bells, bells, bells, To the rhy-ming and the chi-ming of the bells! Bells, bells,

bells, bells, bells, To the rhy-ming and the chi-ming of the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,

rit. *ff* *bre mood* $\text{.. } \text{♩} = 132)$ *mf* *mf* *ff* *mf*

50

S

Mz

A

T

B

B

mp *p* *pp*

bells, bells, bells, bells, bell

mp *p* *pp*

bells, bells, bells, bells,

ells,

bells,

54

S

Mz

A

mp *mf* *mp*

bells! What tale of ter - ror, now, their tur - bu - len - cy tells! In the

mf *mp*

Bra - zen bells! What tale of ter - ror, now, their tur - bu - len - cy tells! In the

bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,

p *mp* *mf* *mp*

bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,

57

S *mf* Too much hor-ri-fied to speak, They c *f* *mp*

Mz *mf* Too much hor-ri-fied to s *f* *mp*

A *mf* start-led of the night How they scream out their af-fright! Too much hor

T *mf* start-led of the night How they scream out their af-fright! To , They can

B *mp* bells, *f* bells,

B *mp* bells, bells, be'' *f* bells, bells,

60 *molto rit.*

S *mf* on - ly shri' *f* Out of tune, In a *p*

Mz *mf* on - ly *ff* Out of tune, In a *p*

A *mf* shriek, *ff* Out of tune, In a *p*

shriek, shriek, *ff* Out of tune, In a *p*

bells, bells, *f* bells, bells, *mp* bells, In a *p*

B *mf* bells, *f* bells, *ff* bells, *f* bells, *mf* bells, *mp*

63

S *mf mp*
cla - mo - rous ap - pea - ling to the mer - cy of the fi - re, In a mad ex - po - stu - la - tion with thr

Mz *mf mp*
cla - mo - rous ap - pea - ling to the mer - cy of the fi - re, In a mad ex - po - stu - la

A *mf mp*
cla - mo - rous ap - pea - ling to the mer - cy of the fi - re, In a mad ex

T *mf mp*
cla - mo - rous ap - pea - ling to the mer - cy of the fi - re, In , with the

B *mf*
cla - mo - rous ap - pea - ling to the mer - cy of the stu - la - tion with the

B *p*
to the r mad ex - po - stu - la - tion with the

66

S *f*
deaf and fran - tic er, high - er, With a des - pe - rate de - si - re, And a

Mz
deaf ar high - er, high - er, high - er, With a des - pe - rate de - si - re, And a

A *f*
Lea - ping high - er, high - er, high - er, With a des - pe - rate de - si - re, And a

f
an - tic fi - re, Lea - ping high - er, high - er, high - er, With a with de - si - re,

mf *f*
deaf and fran - tic fi - re, high - er, high - er, with de - si - re,

B *mf* *f*
deaf and fran - tic fi - re, high - er, high - er, with de - si - re,

(cca. ♩ = 96)

rit.

69 *ff* *f* *mp* *p*

S re-so-lute en-dea-vor Now, now to sit or ne-ver, By the side of pale-faced moon.

Mz re-so-lute en-dea-vor Now, now to sit or ne-ver, By the side of pale-facer'

A re-so-lute en-dea-vor Now, now to sit or ne-ver, By the side

T re-so-lute en-dea-vor Now, now to sit or ne-ver, P moon.

B re-so-lute en-dea-vor Now, now to sit or pale-faced moon.

B re-so-lute en-dea-vor Now, nc side of pale-faced moon.

(cca. ♩ = 112)

74 *p* *f* *mp*

S Oh, th tale their ter-ror tells Of des-pair! How they

Mz bells! What a tale their ter-ror tells Of des-pair! How they

A bells, bells, bells! What a tale their ter-ror tells Of des-pair! How they

the bells, bells, bells! What a tale their ter-ror tells Of des-pair! How they

p *f* *mp*

Oh, the bells, bells, bells! What a tale their ter-ror tells Of des-pair! How they

p *f* *mp*

B Oh, the bells, bells, bells! What a tale their ter-ror tells Of des-pair! How they

78 *mf* *f* *rit.*

S clang, and clash, and roar! What a hor-ror they out-pour On the bos-som of the pal-pi-ta-tir

Mz clang, and clash, and roar! What a hor-ror they out-pour On the bos-som of the

A clang, and clash, and roar! What a hor-ror they out-pour On the be

T clang, and clash, and roar! What a hor-ror they out-pour pi-ta-ting

B clang, and clash, and roar! What a hor-ror they n of the pal-pi-ta-ting

B clang, and clash, and roar! What a the bos-som of the pal-pi-ta-ting

81 *mf* *p* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *p* *mp* *mf*

S air! Yet By the twan-ging, And the clan-ging, How the

Mz air! - ly knows, By the twan-ging, And the clan-ging, How the

A ear it ful-ly knows, By the twan-ging, And the clan-ging, How the

Yet the ear it ful-ly knows, By the twan-ging, And the clan-ging, How the

air! Yet the ear it ful-ly knows, By the twan-ging, And the clan-ging, How the

B air! Yet the ear it ful-ly knows, By the twan-ging, And the clan-ging, How the

accel. (*cca.* ♩ = 108)

84 *mp* *mf*

S dan-ger ebbs and flows, and the wran-gling. How th

Mz dan-ger ebbs and flows, and the wran-

A dan-ger ebbs and flows, In the jan-gling, ar

T dan-ger ebbs and flows, Yet the ear dis-tin-ctly tells, In the . How the

B dan-ger ebbs and flows, Yet the ear dis-tin-ctly r ne wran-gling. How the

B dan-ger ebbs and flows, Yet the ear a-gling, and the wran-gling. How the

accel. *f* *ff*

87 *f* *mf* *f* *ff*

S dan-ger sinks and or the swel-ling in the an-ger of the bells, Of the

Mz dan-ger or the swel-ling in the an-ger of the bells, Of the

A or the swel-ling in the an-ger of the bells, Of the

aks and swells, By the sin-king or the swel-ling in the an-ger of the bells, Of the

dan-ger sinks and swells, By the sin-king or the swel-ling in the an-ger of the bells, Of the

B dan-ger sinks and swells, By the sin-king or the swel-ling in the an-ger of the bells, Of the

Preview

bells, bells, bells,



bells,



96

S I - ron bells! I - ron bells! What a world of so-lemn thought their mo-no-dy com-pels! In th-

Mz I - ron bells! I - ron bells! What a world of so-lemn thought their mo-no-dy com

A I - ron bells! I - ron bells! What a world of so-lemn thought their m

T I - ron What a world of so-lemn thoup' s!

B I - ron What a world of - dy com-pels!

B I - ron What their mo-no-dy com-pels!

99

S si-lence of the n' af - fright At the me-lan-cho-ly me-nace of their

Mz si-lr shi-ver with af - fright At the me-lan-cho-ly me-nace of their

A , How we shi-ver with af - fright At the me-lan-cho-ly me-nace of their

si - lence, shi-ver with af - fright At the me-lan-cho-ly me-nace of their

B *pp* si - lence, shi-ver with af - fright At the me-lan-cho-ly me-nace of their

mf *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

slightly slower
(cca. ♩ = 112)

102

mp *mf*

S tone! For e - very sound that floats From the rust wi - thin their throats Is a

Mz tone! For e - very sound that floats From the rust wi - thin their th

A tone! For e - very sound that floats From the rust wi -

T tone! For e - very From t^h Is a

B tone! For e - very Is a

B tone! For e - very rust Is a

105

f *rit.*

S groan. — And + - ple, They that dwel up in the stee - ple, All a -

Mz groar ah, the peo - ple, They that dwel up in the stee - ple, All a -

A peo - ple, ah, the peo - ple, They that dwel up in the stee - ple, All a -

And the peo - ple, ah, the peo - ple, They that dwel up in the stee - ple, All a -

groan. — And the peo - ple, ah, the peo - ple, They that dwel up in the stee - ple, All a -

B groan. — And the peo - ple, ah, the peo - ple, They that dwel up in the stee - ple, All a -

(cca. ♩ = 88)

108

S lone,

Mz lone,

A lone, *p* In that muf-

T lone, *p* And who tol - ling, tol - ling, tol - ling, In Feel a

B lone, *p* And who tol - ling, tol - ling, tr no - no - tone, Feel a

B lone, *p* And who tol - ling at muf-fled mo - no - tone, Feel a

accel.

(cca. ♩ = 108)

III *mf* *p* glo -

S a stone, They are *f* nei-ther man or wo-man, They are

Mz *mf* a-man heart a *mf* stone, They are *f* nei-ther man or wo-man, They are

A *mf* g On a hu-man heart a *mf* stone, They are *f* nei-ther man or wo-man, They are

al so rol-ling On a hu-man heart a *mf* stone, They are *f* nei-ther man or wo-man, They are

glo-ry in so rol-ling On a hu-man heart a *mf* stone, They are *f* nei-ther man or wo-man, They are

B *mf* *p* glo-ry in so rol-ling On a hu-man heart a *mf* stone, They are *f* nei-ther man or wo-man, They are

114

S
nei - ther brute nor hu - man, They are Ghouls: And their king it is who tolls; And he

Mz
nei - ther brute nor hu - man, They are Ghouls: And their king it is who tolls;

A
nei - ther brute nor hu - man, They are Ghouls: And their king ;

T
nei - ther brute nor hu - man, They are Ghouls: And

B
nei - ther brute nor hu - man, They are Ghouls: who tolls; And he

B
nei - ther brute nor hu - man, They are king it is who tolls; And he

ff *f* *ff* *f* *ff* *f*

117

S
rolls, rolls, rolls. of the bells! And his

Mz
roll. pæ - an of the bells! And his

A
Rolls A pæ - an of the bells! And his

as, rolls, Rolls A pæ - an of the bells! And his

rolls, rolls, rolls, Rolls A pæ - an of, the pæ - an of the bells, a pæ - an of the

B
rolls, rolls, rolls, Rolls A pæ - an of the bells! A pæ - an of the bells, a

mp *mp* *mp* *mp* *ff* *mf* *p* *ff* *mf* *p*

120

S mer-ry bos-som swells With the pe-an of the bells! And he dan-ces, and he yells; Kee-pi

Mz mer-ry bos-som swells With the pe-an of the bells! And he dan-ces, and he

A mer-ry bos-som swells With the pe-an of the bells! And he dan-c

T mer-ry bos-som swells With the pe-an of the bells! An' , Kee-ping

B bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the

B pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a

123

S time, time, tim' e rhyme, To the throb-bing of the bells Of the *mf*

Mz time, at of Ru-nic rhyme, To the throb-bing of the bells Of the *mf*

A In a sort of Ru-nic rhyme, To the throb-bing of the bells Of the *mf*

ae, time, In a sort of Ru-nic rhyme, To the throb-bing of the bells Of the *mf*

bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the

B pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a

126

f *accel.*

S bells, bells, bells To the sob-bing of the bells; Kee-ping time, time, time, As he

Mz bells, bells, bells To the sob-bing of the bells; Kee-ping time, time, time

A bells, bells, bells To the sob-bing of the bells; Kee-ping time

T bells, bells, bells To the sob-bing of the bells; Kee

B *mp* bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a

B *mp* pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a

As he

a pæ-an of the

pæ-an of the bells, a

129

ff

S knells, knells, knells rhyme, To the rol-ling of the bells, To the

Mz knells, p-py Ru-nic rhyme, To the rol-ling of the bells, To the

A in a hap-py Ru-nic rhyme, To the rol-ling of the bells, To the

ff

As, knells, In a hap-py Ru-nic rhyme, To the rol-ling of the bells, To the

f

bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the

B *f* pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a

132 *mf* *mp* *rit.*

S rol-ling of the bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, To the tol-ling of the bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, bell'

Mz rol-ling of the bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, To the tol-ling of the bells, Of the bells, be''

A rol-ling of the bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, To the tol-ling of the bells, Of

T rol-ling of the bells, Of the bells, bells, bells, To the tol-ling of

B bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of th' bells, a pæ-an of the

B pæ-an of the bells, a pæ-an of t' bells, a pæ-an of the bells, a

136 *p* *f* *pp* *mp*

S bells, bells, bells, moa-ning of the bells, bells,

Mz bells, ag and the groa-ning of the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells,

A the moa-ning and the groa-ning of the bells, bells, bells, bells,

, bells, To the moa-ning and the groa-ning of the bells, bells, bells, bells!

bells, To the moa-ning and the groa-ning of the bells, bells!

B pæ-an of the bells, To the moa-ning and the groa-ning of the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells!