

# Ring De Christmas Bells

For Solo Voice with Mixed Chorus (SATB)  
and Piano Accompaniment

Music and Lyrics by  
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**Solo**      ♩ = 156

**Soprano Alto**

**Tenor**

**Bass**

**Piano**

**Solo**

**SA**

**T**

**B**

*dim.*      I gwine make me a song a - bout      *mp*  
*(toom)*  
*la la la la la la la*      *dim.*      *mp* Tum tum tum  
*la la la la la la la*      *dim.*      Tum tum tum      *mp (toom)*  
*tum tum tum*

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Christ - mas      'cause      Christ-mas time\_\_ is so      sweet.      Gwine fell

S A T B      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum

tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum

Bass      tum      tum\_\_      tum      tum      tum\_\_      tum      tum      tum      tum

Piano      Chords      Chords      Chords      Chords

10

tell how the t'ree wise kings of old\_\_came to pray at de Christ child's feet

S A T B      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum

tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum      tum

Bass      tum      tum\_\_      tum      tum      tum\_\_      tum      tum      tum      tum

Piano      Chords      Chords      Chords

4

Special trio  
of high Sopranos

Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de  
feet! Ring de bell. \_\_\_\_\_

5

A Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_  
tum. Ring de bell \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de

T

tum. Ring de bell \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de

B

tum. Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_

bell! \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_ p

Trio

S A Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de bell, Child

T bell! \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_

B Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de bell, Child

19

S A Christ, He born, and He shall be king of kings. la

T Christ, He born, and He shall be king of kings. la

B Christ, He born, and He shall be king of kings. Tum tum tum

22 v.2

sob IIA Gas par was de name of de first  
v.3 IIIA straight-way Gas par pack  
Met choir he was the  
IIIB mong He gifts was some

S A la la la la la la la la Tum tum tum

T la la la la la la la la Tum tum tum

B tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

25

v. 2 solo first wise king, and 'tis said that he came from a far.  
pack he train and a - cross de sands came he  
With a vision

v. 3 rich - est king of the three wise kings so dey say.  
pre - cious myrrh so rare in all of de land.  
He had twenty Melchior

S A tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

T tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

B tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

Piano chords: G major, C major, F major, B major, E major, A major, D major, G major.

28

v. 2 solo vi - sion of de Christ Child, came to he as he gazed at de e - ven - ing (star)  
pre - cious gift of frank - in - cense Ma - ry's lit - tle child to (see) 1st ending

v. 3 Mel - choir brought it to de ho - ly child for to rub on (he) cold lit - tle (day) 2nd ending

A tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

T tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

B tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

Piano chords: G major, C major, F major, B major, E major, A major, D major, G major.

7

31

v.2 solo star. Den (straight) see. Ring de bell.

v.3 day. And a (mang) hand. Ring de bell.

S A tum tum tum tum.

T tum tum tum tum. Ring de bell.

B tum tum tum tum.

Piano chords: G major, C major, F major, B major, E major, G major, C major, F major, B major.

bell. Ring de bell.

33

Trio

(refrain)

SA f Ring de bell, Child Christ He born, Ring de bell, Child

T Ring de bell.

B f Ring de bell. Child Christ, He born, Ring de bell, Child

Piano chords: G major, C major, F major, B major, E major, G major, C major, F major, B major.

8

Ring de bell.

**36**

Trio

S A T B

Christ, He born, — Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, — and He shall

Ring de bell. Christ, He born, — and He shall

Christ, He born, — Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, — and He shall

S A T B

After v.3:  
To Coda  $\oplus$  (p.9.)

**39**

S A T B

shall be king of kings. la la la la la la

shall be king of kings. la la la la la la

shall be king of kings. tum tum tum tum tum

To Coda  $\oplus$

42 D.S. (m. 24)

Solo: -

A: *v. 3 old Melchior*

T: la la la la la la

B: tum tum tum Tum tum tum

Coda: La

D.S.

Coda: f

45 v. 4 Bal - tha-sar he was a

solo: -

A: IVA Bal - tha-sar, he was a  
IVB ma - ma she say to King

T: La Tum tum tum

B: La Tum tum tum

Tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

f

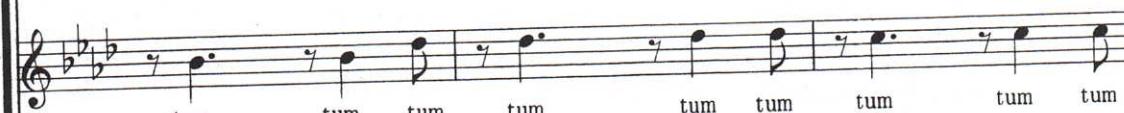
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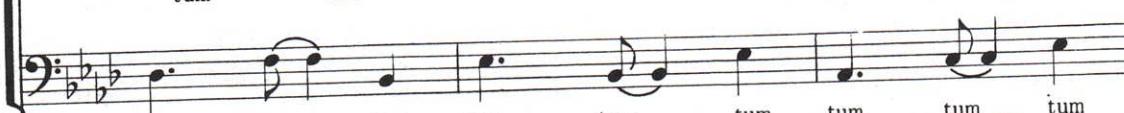
*mighty king with*

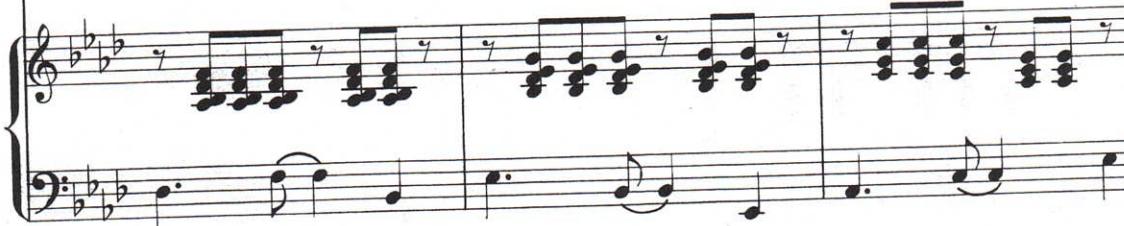
*mighty king with rich-es and lands un - told that he*  
*Bal - tha - sar, son, ye must be meek and mild when*

*Solo* 

*S A* 

*T* 

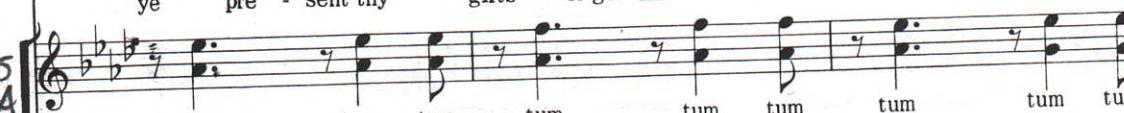
*B* 



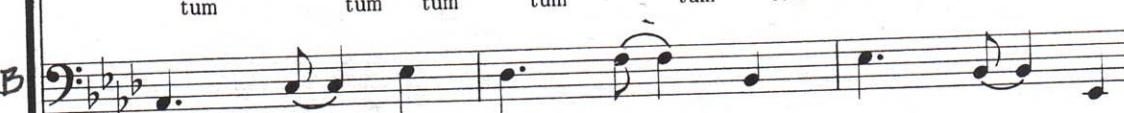
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*con-fis - ca - ted from he e - ne - mies be-cause he was so strong and <sup>bold</sup>  
ye pre - sent thy gifts of gold to de mo-ther of de Ho - ly <sup>(child)</sup>*

*Solo* 

*S A* 

*T* 

*B* 



54 1                    2                    Trio Ring de bell!

solo bold. But ~~he~~<sup>Maier</sup> child. Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_

S A tum tum tum tum Ring de bell, Child

T tum tum tum tum. Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_

B tum tum tum tum Ring de bell, Child

1                    2

Trio Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de

S A Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_

T Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de

B Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_ Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, \_\_\_\_\_

bell!

Trio and He shall be king of  
 Soloist and He shall be king of

S A Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, and He shall be king of

T bell! and He shall be king of

B Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, and He shall be king of

*[A section of mostly piano chords.]*

63 Trio kings! *ff* Ring de bell! Ring de  
 Solo kings! Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_

S A *ff* Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born,  
 kings!

T *ff* Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born,  
 kings! Ring de bell! \_\_\_\_\_

B Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born,  
 kings!

*start claps b. 2*

*ff*

66

Trio *bell!*

Ring de bell!

S A

Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, — Ring de bell, Child

T

bell! Ring de bell!

B

Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, — Ring de bell, Child

*Trio molto rit.*

*(Soloist)* And He shall be king of kings!

S A

Christ, He born, And He shall be king of kings!

T

And He shall be king of kings!

B

Christ, He born, And He shall be king of kings!

*Trio molto rit.*