

Ring De Christmas Bells

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

Music and Lyrics by
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$\text{♩} = 156$

Solo

Soprano Alto
f
La la la__ la la la la la la__ la la la la la la__ la la la

Tenor
f
La la la__ la la la la la la__ la la la la la la__ la la la

Bass
f
Tum tum__ tum tum tum__ tum tum tum__ tum
(toom)

Piano
f

Solo
dim. I gwine make me a song__ a - bout
mp

SA
la la la__ la la la *dim.* la la la__ la la la *mp* Tum tum tum
(toom)

T
la la la__ la la la *dim.* la la la__ la la la *mp* Tum tum tum
(toom)

B
tum tum__ tum* tum tum__ tum tum tum__ tum
mp (toom)

Piano
mp

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Christ - mas 'cause Christ-mas time is so sweet. Gwine *tell*

S
A
T
B

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

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 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

Special trio of high Sopranos

Ring de bell! Ring de feet! Ring de bell. tum. Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, — tum. Ring de bell Ring de tum. Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, —

bell! Ring de bell! Ring de bell, Child Christ, He born, — Ring de bell, Child bell! Ring de bell! 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 IIA Gas par was de name of de first pack
sob IIB straight-way Gas par

v. 3 IIA Mel - choir he was
IIB mong He gifts was some

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

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

B tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

25

V. 2 Solo
 first wise king, and 'tis said that he came from a far. With a vision
 pack he train and a cross de sands came he. A precious

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

S
 A
 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

T
 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

B
 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

28

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

V. 3
 twen - ty cam - els in he car - a - van dat came to Beth le - hem (day) 1st ending
 Mel - choir brought it to de ho - ly child for to rub on he cold lit - tle (hand) - 2nd ending

S
 A
 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

T
 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

B
 tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

31 1 || 2 Trio Ring de 7

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

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

S A tum tum tum tum.

T tum tum tum tum. Ring de bell.

B tum tum tum tum.

bell. Ring de bell.

33 Trio

Cretrain 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

36 Ring de bell. *p*

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

After v.3:
To Coda ♩ (9-9)

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 ♩

42 D.S. (no. 24) Coda

v. 3) old (Melchior)

Solo

S
A
T
B

la la la la la la la La
la la la la la la La
tum tum tum Tum tum tum

D.S. Coda

f

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

v. 4 IVA Bal - tha-sar, he was a
IVB ma - ma she say to King

Solo

S
A
T
B

La la la la la la la Tum tum tum
La la la la la la la Tum tum tum
Tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

f

48 *might-y king with*

solo

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

S
A
T
B

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

51

solo

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

S
A
T
B

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

tum tum tum tum tum tum tum tum

54 1 2 **Trio** Ring de bell!

bold. But ^{MaMa} he child. Ring de bell!

tum tum tum tum Ring de bell, Child

tum tum tum tum. Ring de bell!

tum tum tum tum Ring de bell, Child

57 Ring de bell! Ring de

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

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

60 bell! and He shall be king of

Trio

(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

63 kings! *ff* Ring de bell! Ring de

Trio + Solo

kings! Ring de bell! *ff* Ring de

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

T kings! Ring de bell! *ff* Ring de

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

start claps on 6. 24

66 bell! Ring de bell!

S
A
T
B

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

bell! Ring de bell!

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

69 Trio *molto rit.*

Soloist

And He shall be king of kings!

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

And He shall be king of kings!

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