

# I Saw Three Ships

## A Celtic Christmas Celebration

SAB with opt. Flute\* or Instrumental Ensemble

Traditional English carol, adapt.

Arranged by **Lloyd Larson**

Based upon I SAW THREE SHIPS

and SUSSEX CAROL,

Traditional English carols

**Buoyantly, with energy** ♩ = ca. 92

① *R.H. tacet through m. 9 if using Flute*

+Fl.

The musical score is written for piano and flute. It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 1-3) features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The piano part is in the bass clef. The flute part is marked with a circled '1' and '+Fl.'. The second system (measures 4-7) continues the piano accompaniment. The third system (measures 8-11) includes a piano part and a flute part marked with a circled '2' and '-Fl.'. The fourth system (measures 12-15) includes a vocal line for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) with lyrics, and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I saw three ships come sail - ing in on".

\*Flute part is available as a free download. Visit [www.lorenz.com](http://www.lorenz.com) and search "10/3916L".

☐ indicates CD track number.

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3

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

20

SA

Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

And what was in those ships all three on

24

Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? And what was in those ships all three on

28

4

Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing? *R.H. tacet through m. 33 if using Flute*

+Fl.

*mf*

Our Sav - ior Christ and His la - dy on

*mf*

-Fl. *play* our Sav - ior Christ on

*mf*

Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day; our Sav - ior Christ and

Christ - mas Day, on Chrst - mas Day; our

39

His la - dy on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.  
Sav - ior Christ on Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

+Fl.

42

*R.H. tacet through beat 1 of m. 49 if using Flute*

46

5

*mf*  
Pray  
*mf*

*play*

50

whith - er sailed those ships— all three on Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing? Pray

-Fl.  
*mf*

54

whith - er sailed those ships— all three on Christ-mas Day in the morn - ing? They

*p*

58

sailed in - to Beth - le - hem,— they sailed on

7