

For Howard Slenk and the Choirs of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.  
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# I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Henry W. Longfellow (1807–1882)

J. Baptiste Calkin (1827–1905)  
 Arranged by Raymond H. Haan

3 octaves  
 Handbells used: 31

**Moderately** ♩ = ca. 63

Handbells

*Begin slowly*  
**LV**  
*pp*

*stringendo*

4

*rit.*

8

*S, A unis. mp*

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their

*Sw. soft 8', 4'*

*Organ*

Ch. Soft 8', 4'

Ped. 16', 8', Ch. to Ped.

\*These 3 bells are used only in the interlude (see page 15).

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old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet The words re - peat Of

16

peace on earth, good will to men.

20

*mp* *poco a poco cresc.*

*S mp* *poco a poco cresc.*  
2. I thought how, as the day had come, The

*A mp* *poco a poco cresc.*  
2. I thought the day, The

*T mp* *poco a poco cresc.*  
2. I thought the day, The

*B mp poco a poco cresc.*  
had come, The

*Add* *mp* *poco a poco cresc.*

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*f*

bel - fries of all Chris - ten-dom Had rolled a-long Th'un -

*f*

bel - fries of all Chris - ten-dom Had rolled a-long The—

*f*

bel - fries of all Chris - ten-dom had— rolled a - long Th'un -

*f*

bel - fries of all Chris - ten-dom had rolled a - long- The

*f legato*