

I Saw Three Ships

William Sandys

arr. by John Stainer

Vocal

I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ - mas day, on Christ - mas day, I

saw three ships come sail - ing in, Christ - mas day in morn - ing.

2. And what* was in those ships all three?
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 And what was in those ships all three?
 On Christmas day in the morning.

3. Our Saviour Christ and his lady**
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 Our Saviour Christ and his lady,
 On Christmas day in the morning.

4. Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
 On Christmas day in the morning.

5. Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem,
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem,
 On Christmas day in the morning.

6. And all the bells on earth shall ring,
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 And all the bells on earth shall ring,
 On Christmas day in the morning.

7. And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
 On Christmas day in the morning.

8. And all the souls on earth shall sing,
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 And all the souls on earth shall sing,
 On Christmas day in the morning.

9. Then let us all rejoice, amain,
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
 Then let us all rejoice, amain,
 On Christmas day in the morning.

* Or: who in both the first and third lines of this verse.

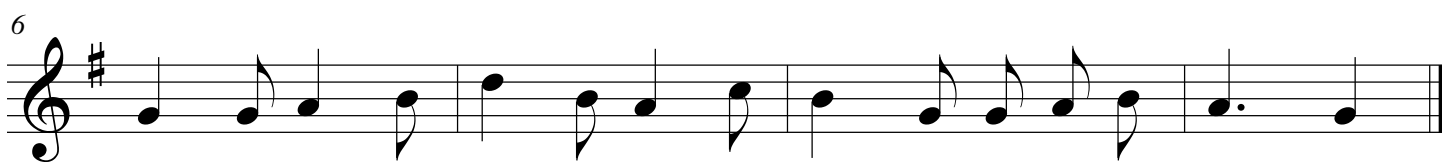
** Or: The Virgin Mary and Christ were there

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Violin 2

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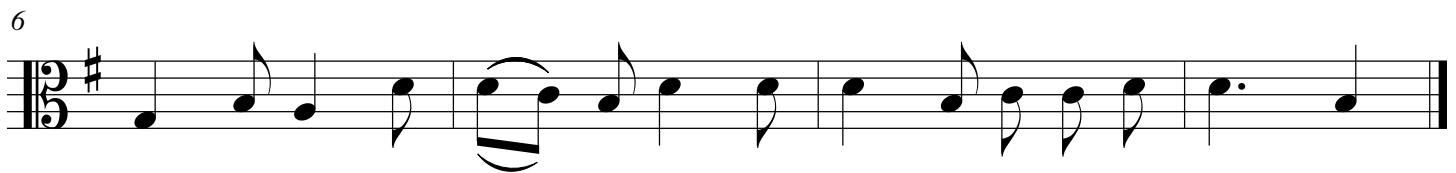
Measure 6 of the song 'The Rose Tree' in G major. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The measure concludes with a double bar line.

Viola

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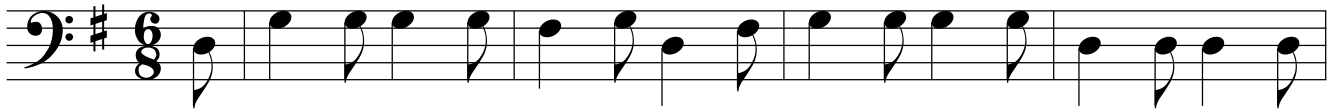


Cello

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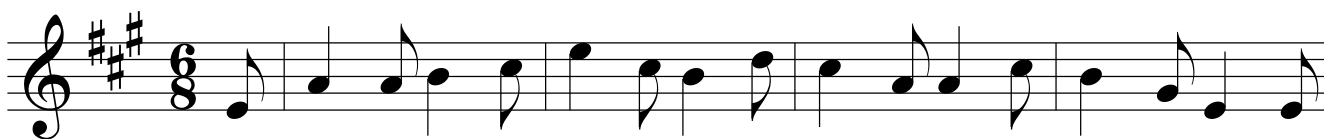


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B♭ 2

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Bass Clarinet

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Alto Sax

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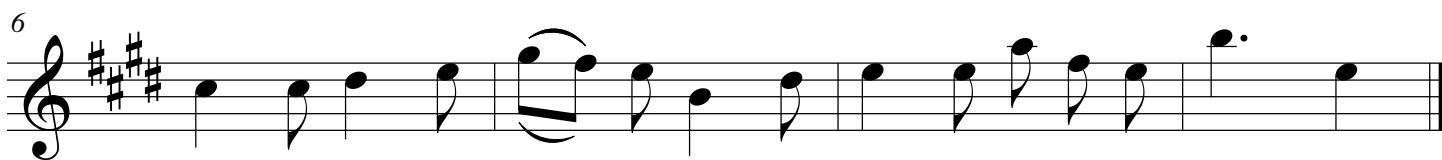


Baritone Sax

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Horn in F 1

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This is a conductor's score for the hymn "I Saw Three Ships". The score is written for a vocal soloist and a full orchestra. The vocal part is in the top staff, with lyrics underneath. The instrumental parts include Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Cello, B♭ 1, B♭ 2, Bass Clarinet, Alto Sax, Baritone Sax, Horn in F 1, and Horn in F 2. The music is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 6/8 time. The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The score is arranged by John Stainer.

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Violin 2

Viola

Cello

B♭ 1

B♭ 2

Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax

Baritone Sax

Horn in F 1

Horn in F 2

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Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vc.

B \flat 1

B \flat 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

B. Sx.

Hn. 1

Hn. 2

This musical score is for the hymn 'I Saw Three Ships'. It includes a vocal line with lyrics and ten instrumental parts: Violin 1, Violin 2, Viola, Violoncello, B-flat Trumpet 1, B-flat Trumpet 2, Baritone Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Horn 1, and Horn 2. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The vocal line begins at measure 6. The instrumental parts are arranged in a similar fashion, with some instruments (B-flat Trumpets, Baritone Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Horn 1, and Horn 2) starting at measure 6 and others (Violins, Viola, Violoncello) starting at measure 7. The score is presented on a single page, showing measures 6 through 9.

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