

Ring Out Bells, Ring!

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Music: 19th century German Christmas Carol

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Duration: 2:30

Instrumentation: Piccolo, 2 Flutes, Oboe, 2 Clarinets, 2 Bassoons,
2 Trumpets, Chimes, Glock, Triangle, Sleigh Bells, Harp, Celesta,
(or Piano octava), Violins 1 & 2, Viola, Celli, and SA or SSA Treble Chorus.

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Allegretto $\text{♩} = 94$ **A**

Piccolo *f*

Flute 1 *f*

Flute 2 *f*

Oboe *f*

Clarinet in B \flat 1 *f*

Clarinet in B \flat 2 *f*

Bassoon 1 *f*

Bassoon 2 *f*

Trumpet in B \flat 1 *f* *Harmon Mute*

Trumpet in B \flat 2 *f* *Harmon Mute*

Chimes *ff* *mf*

Glockenspiel *ff*

Percussion *Triangle* *ff* *Stay ff!* *f*

Harp *f* *f*

Celesta *f*

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Treble Chorus

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

B

9

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

Bsn. 1 *mf*

Bsn. 2

B

9

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

9

Chimes *mf*

Glock *mf*

Perc. *f*

9

Hp. *p*

9

Cel. *mf*

B

9

Treble

Ring bells, ring-a-ling-a-ling. Ring bells, ring. Sing out your mer-ry lit-tle song.

(Off the string)

9

Vln. 1 *mf* (Off the string)

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *mf* pizz

mf

17

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp* *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp* *mf*

Bsn. 1 *mp* *mf*

Bsn. 2 *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Chimes *mf*

Glock

Perc.

Hp. *mp* *mf*

Cel.

Treble
Ring bells, ring. Orch-es-tras are play-ing. One horse o - pen sleigh-ing. Church bells are ring-ing.
Peo - ple are all shop-ping with no signs of stop - ping. Par - ents are gift wrap-ping

Vln. 1 *p*

Vln. 2 *p*

Vla. *arco*

Vcl. *p*

25 C

Picc. *f*

Fl. 1 *f*

Fl. 2 *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 *f*

Bsn. 1 *f*

Bsn. 2 *mf*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2

Chimes *mf*

Glock *mf* *f* *f*

Perc. *f*

Hp. *p* *mf* *f*

Cel. *f*

25 C

Treble

Cho - irs all are sing - ing. Ring bells, ring - a - ling - a - ling. Ring bells, ring!
 while the kids are nap - ping. Ring bells, ring - a - ling - a - ling. Ring bells, ring.

Vln. 1 *mf*

Vln. 2 *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *mf* *pizz*

33 D

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1 *mf*

Fl. 2 *mf*

Ob. *mf*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf*

Bsn. 1 *f*

Bsn. 2 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f*

Chimes *mf*

Glock *mf*

Perc. *ff* *Sleigh Bells*

Hp. *f*

Cel. *f*

Treble *Opt. descant:* D Ding, dong, ding dong ding.
Ring bells, ring-a-ling-a-ling.

Vln. 1 *f* *Col Legno*

Vln. 2 *f* *Col Legno*

Vla. *f*

Vcl. *f* *arco*

Ring Out Bells, Ring!

41

Picc. *mf*

Fl. 1

Fl. 2

Ob.

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf* *mp*

Bsn. 1 *f* *mp*

Bsn. 2 *mf* *f* *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Chimes

Glock

Perc. *mf*

Hp.

Cel.

Treble 41 *Ding dong ding. Ding, dong, ding ding dong. Ding dong ding.*
Ring bells, ring. Sing out your mer-ry lit-tle song. Ring bells, ring. Wind has start-ed blow-ing. Christ-mas time is near-ing.

Vln. 1 *(Ord.)* *mf*

Vln. 2 *(Ord.)* *mf*

Vla. *mf*

Vcl. *f* *mf*

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for the piece 'Ring Out Bells, Ring!'. The score is arranged in a standard orchestral format with multiple staves. The instruments listed include Piccolo, Flutes 1 and 2, Oboe, Clarinets in B-flat (1 and 2), Bassoons (1 and 2), Trumpets in B-flat (1 and 2), Chimes, Glockenspiel, Percussion, Harp, Cello, and various string instruments (Violins 1 and 2, Viola, and Violoncello). The vocal part is written for a Treble voice. The score begins at measure 41. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The vocal lyrics are: 'Ding dong ding. Ding, dong, ding ding dong. Ding dong ding. Ring bells, ring. Sing out your mer-ry lit-tle song. Ring bells, ring. Wind has start-ed blow-ing. Christ-mas time is near-ing.' Dynamic markings such as *mf*, *f*, and *mp* are used throughout the score. The string parts include some 'Ord.' (Ordinary) markings. The percussion part features a rhythmic pattern of 'x' marks.

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Picc. *mp*

Fl. 1 *mp*

Fl. 2 *mp*

Ob. *mp*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp*

Bsn. 1 *mp*

Bsn. 2 *mp*

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Chimes

Glock *mp*

Perc. *mf*

Hp. *mp*

Cel. *mp*

Treble *Opt. small group or solo:*

Threat of storm is grow - ing, Snow our way is head - ing. Hope it's good for sled - ding.
Boys and girls are cheer - ing. What's_ in the gift box? I sure hope it's not socks!

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vcl. *mp*

Ring Out Bells, Ring!

55

Picc. *mf* *f* **E**

Fl. 1 *mf* *f*

Fl. 2 *mf* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf* *f*

Bsn. 1 *f* *fp* *fp*

Bsn. 2 *mf* *f* *fp* *fp*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f*

Chimes *mf* *f*

Glock *mf* *f*

Perc. *mf*

Hp. *mf* *f*

Cel. *mf* *f*

Treble *Tutti* **E**
 Ring bells, — ring-a-ling-a-ling. Ring bells, — ring!
 Ring bells, — ring-a-ling-a-ling. Ring bells, — ring!

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f*

Vla. *f*

Vcl. *f*

Detailed description: This is a page of a musical score for a symphony orchestra. The page is numbered 10 and titled 'Ring Out Bells, Ring!'. It contains staves for various instruments: Piccolo, Flutes 1 and 2, Oboe, Clarinets in B-flat 1 and 2, Bassoons 1 and 2, Trumpets in B-flat 1 and 2, Chimes, Glockenspiel, Percussion, Harp, Cello, Treble (with vocal line), Violins 1 and 2, Viola, and Violoncello. The score is in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins at measure 55. The vocal line in the Treble staff has the lyrics: 'Ring bells, — ring-a-ling-a-ling. Ring bells, — ring! Ring bells, — ring-a-ling-a-ling. Ring bells, — ring!'. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mf* (mezzo-forte), *f* (forte), and *fp* (fortissimo-piano). A rehearsal mark 'E' is placed above the first staff at measure 55. The page ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Picc. *mf* *f*

Fl. 1 *mf* *f*

Fl. 2 *mf* *f*

Ob. *mf* *f*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mf* *f*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mf* *f*

Bsn. 1 *mf* *f*

Bsn. 2 *mf* *f*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *f*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *f*

Chimes *ff*

Glock *ff*

Perc. *ff*

Harp *ff* *gliss*

Cel. *ff*

Treble *8*
Ring out bells, ring!

Vln. 1 *f*

Vln. 2 *f*

Vla.

Vcl. *f*

