

# I saw three ships

Christmas traditional

*Briskly*  
*mf*

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

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It features a melody of eighth notes with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth notes. The dynamic marking 'mf' is placed above the first measure of both staves.

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

Detailed description: This system contains the next two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody from the first system, with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff continues the accompaniment. The system ends with a double bar line.

*Or this (in 3 parts)*  
*mf*

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

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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.

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,  
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.

O they sailed into Bethlehem,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;  
O 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.