

# I saw three ships

Words: traditional

Music: English traditional carol  
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## Allegro giocoso

Solo 1 (*ad lib.*: see performance note on p. 4)

SOPRANO 1 *mf* *Full* *Solo 1*  
1. I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, I

SOPRANO 2 *mf*  
On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day,

ALTO *mf*  
On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day,

5 *Full* *Solo 2*  
saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. 2. And

*mp*  
On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

*mp*  
On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

9 *Full* *Solo 2*  
what was in those ships all three? On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, And

*mp*  
On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day,

*mp*  
On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day,

13 *Full* *Full* *mf*  
what was in those ships all three? On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. 3. Our

*mp*  
On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

*mp*  
On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

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Sa - viour Christ and his la - dy, On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, Our

*mp* Ah ah

*mp* Ah ah

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Sa - viour Christ and his la - dy, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. 4. Pray

ah ah.

ah.

*f* Solo 2

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whi - ther sailed those ships all three? On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, Pray whi - ther sailed those

*Full* *Solo 2*

*mf* On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day,

*mf* On Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day,

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ships all three? On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. 5. O they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem, On

*Full* *Solo 1* *mp* *Full*

*mp* On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. On

*mp* On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. On