

I saw three ships come sailing in

traditional English

trad. arr. Paul Ayres

Quite fast

upper voices or melody

lower voices or accompaniment

(slide)

I saw three ships, I saw three ships, I saw three, saw three,
Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour, Sa - viour,
they sailed in, O they sailed in, O they sailed, they sailed,

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1. saw three ships, I saw three ships, I saw three ships, I saw three, saw three,
Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour, Sa - viour,
they sailed in, O they sailed in, O they sailed in, O they sailed, they sailed,

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u. I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ-mas Day, on
Our Sa - viour Christ and his la - dy, On Christ-mas Day, on
O they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem, On Christ-mas Day, on

1. *simile*

saw three ships, I saw three ships, I saw three ships, On Christ-mas Day, on
Sa - viour Christ, Our Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour Christ, On Christ-mas Day, on
they sailed in, O they sailed in, O they sailed in, On Christ-mas Day, on

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u. Christ-mas Day, I saw three ships come sail - ing in, On Christ-mas Day in the
Christ-mas Day, Our Sa - viour Christ and his la - dy, On Christ-mas Day in the
Christ-mas Day, O they sailed in - to Beth - le - hem, On Christ-mas Day in the

1. Christ - mas Day, I saw three ships, I saw three ships, On Christ-mas Day in the
Christ - mas Day, Our Sa - viour Christ, our Sa - viour Christ, On Christ-mas Day in the
Christ - mas Day, O they sailed in, O they sailed in, On Christ-mas Day in the

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17 *whistle*

u. morn - ing.

1. morn - ing. A - hoy there, a - hoy there, a - hoy there, a - hoy there, a -

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u. hoy there, a - hoy there, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. And And Then

1. hoy there, a - hoy there, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. And And Then

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1. what was in, and what was in, and what was, what was,
whi - ther sailed, and whi - ther sailed, and whi - ther, whi - ther,
let us all, then let us all, then let us, let us,

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1. what was in? And what was in, and what was in, and what was, what was,
whi - ther sailed? And whi - ther sailed, and whi - ther sailed, and whi - ther, whi - ther,
let us all, Then let us all, then let us all, then let us, let us,

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u. And what was in those ships all three, On
And whi - ther sailed those ships all three, On
Then let us all re - joice a - main, On

l. 8 what was in? And what was in, and what was in, On
whi - ther sailed? And whi - ther sailed, and whi - ther sailed, On
let us all, Then let us all, then let us all, On

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u. Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? And what was in those
Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? And whi - ther sailed those
Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, Then let us all re -

l. 8 Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? And what was in, and
Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day? And whi - ther sailed, and
Christ - mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, Then let us all, then

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u. ships all three, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing? x 3
ships all three, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing?
joice a - main, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing.

l. 8 what was in, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing? Our
whi - ther sailed, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing? O
let us all, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - ing. And

42 (accompaniment)

l. 8 all the bells, and all the bells, and all the, all the, all the bells, And all the bells, and

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d. *optional descant*
ding ding ding ding ding

u. And all the bells in

l. ₈ all the bells, and all the, all the, all the bells, And all the bells, and

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d. ding ding ding *etc.*

u. heaven shall ring, On Christ-mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, And all the bells in

l. ₈ all the bells, On Christ-mas Day, on Christ - mas Day, And all the bells, and

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d. ding ding ding *etc.* ding!

u. heaven shall ring, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - - - ing!

l. ₈ all the bells, On Christ - mas Day in the morn - - - ing!