

I saw three ships

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'I saw three ships come sail-ing in on Christm-mas day, on Christm-mas day I'. The second staff continues the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas day in the mor - ning.' Chord symbols 'F' and 'C' are placed above the notes in both staves.

“I saw three ships”

1. I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
I saw three ships come sailing in,
On Christmas day in the morning.
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,
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On Christmas day in the morning.

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The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the first four measures of the melody, with the lyrics 'I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christm - mas day, — on' written below. The second staff contains the next five measures, with the lyrics 'Christm - mas day I saw three ships come sail - ing in on Christ - mas day in the mor - ning.' written below. Chord symbols 'E', 'B', and 'E' are placed above the notes in the first staff, and 'B' and 'E' are placed above the notes in the second staff. A measure number '5' is written at the beginning of the second staff.

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