

Christmas bells at sea

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Sir Arthur Sullivan
(1842-1900)

Allegretto moderato

Still the night and calm the
o - cean, Dazz-ling bright each win- _ try _ star; Scarce - ly felt the ves - sel's
mo - tion, When we heard from out a_ far Soft-ly peal-ing, Gent-ly stealing, Sil-v'ry
bells in vol-leys ring- ing, Ring- ing out in ho _ ly glee; E'en to
us glad ti- _ dings_ bring-ing, E'en to us glad tid-ings bring - ing Christ- _ mas bells at

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sea. Wrapt in awe a-round them ga-zing, Mute the

p

R&d.

crew in won- der stand, Whence could come those sounds a - ma - zing, Far from

sight or sound of land? Ri-sing, fall-ing, Home re-call-ing, Thoughts of home and hea-ven

cresc.

bring ing, Sure a so - lemn mys- te - ry 'Twas to

dim.

p

cresc.

hear their sil- v'ry ring-ing, 'Twas to hear their sil-v'ry ring - ing Christ- mas Bells at

cresc.

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sf

sf

R&d.

sea. Vain Thy ways O Heaven, to mea-sure; Who Thy

se - crets can_ di_ vine? In our hearts e-nough to trea - sure To-kens of Thy love___ be -

nign Where no stee-pple calls its peo-ple Ti-dings of a Sa-viour bring- ing,

An_ gel_ hands are set_ by_ Thee From a cloud-built bel_ fry_ ring-ing, From a

cresc.

cloud-built bel-fry ring - ing Christ- mas_ Bells at sea.