

Awarded Highly Commended in the Compose Aotearoa! NZ 2022
Composition Competition Open Category

The Bells

Lyrics: Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849)

Music: Chris Artley
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Allegretto ♩ = 106

S
A
T
B

Piano

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Hear the sledges with the bells,
Hear the sledges with the bells,
Hear the sledges with the bells,
Hear the sledges with the bells,



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sil - ver bells, sil-ver bells! What a world of mer-ri-ment their mel-o-dy fore-tells!

sil - ver bells, sil-ver bells! What a world of mer-ri - ment their mel-o - dy fore-tells!

sil-ver bells, sil-ver bells! What a world of mer-ri-ment their mel-o - dy fore-tells!

sil-ver bells, sil-ver bells! What a world of mer-ri - ment their mel-o - dy fore-tells!

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How they tin- kle, tin- kle; in the i- cy air of night!

How they tin- kle, tin- kle; in the i- cy air of night!

How they tin- kle, in the i- cy air of night!

How they tin- kle, in the i- cy air of night!



15 **A**

While the stars that o - ver-sprin - kle, all the hea - vens seem to twi - kle, with a

While the stars that o - ver-sprin - kle, all the hea - vens seem to twi - kle, with a

Ah, ah, with a

Ah, with a

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crys - tal-line de-light, - tal-line de-light. Keep-ing time, time, time,

crys - tal-line de-light, crys - tal-line de-light. Keep-ing time, time, time,

crys - tal-line de-light, crys - tal-line de-light. Keep-ing time, time, time,

crys - tal-line de-light, crys - tal-line de-light. Keep-ing time, time, time,



23 **B**

in a sort of ru - nic rhyme, to the

in a sort of ru - nic rhyme, to the

in a sort of ru - nic rhyme, to the

in a sort of ru - nic rhyme, to the

26 $\text{♩} = 64$

tin - tin - nab - u - la - tion so music - 'lly wells. Tin, tin,

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tin - tin - nab - u - la - tion that so music - 'lly wells. Tin, tin,

tin - tin - nab - u - la - tion that so music - 'lly wells. Tin, tin,



29 **C** *mf*

Tin, tin, tin - tin - u - son, that so

tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin-tin-nab - u - la - tion, tin, tin, tin tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin

tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin-tin-nab - u - la - tin, tin, tin tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin

mp

Tin, tin, tin, tin, tin-tin-nab - la - tion tin, tin, tin,

35 *f*

mu - sic - 'lly wells. tin - tin - ab - u - la - tion, that so mu - sic - 'lly wells. From the

tin - tin-nab - u - la - tion tin, tin, tin, tin, tin tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin tin - tin-nab - u - la - tion...

tin - tin-nab - u - la tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin tin, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin tin - tin-nab - u - la - tion...

tin - tin-nab - u - la - tion, tin, tin, tin, tin, tin - tin-nab - u - la - tion...

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ff From the

f Bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells. From the

f Bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells.

f Bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells.

f Bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells.

f *8va*

45 **D** *accel.* *Tempo I* ♩ = 106

bells, from the bells, the bells, from the bells.

bells, from the bells, the bells, from the bells.

ff From the bells, the bells, from the bells, from the bells.

f From the bells, from the bells, from the bells, from the bells.

8va

50

53 **E** *f*

Hear the sledg - es with the bells, sil - ver bells, sil - ver

Hear the sledg - es with the bells, sil - ver bells, sil - ver

Hear the sledg - es with the bells, sil - ver bells, sil - ver

Hear the sledg - es with the bells, sil - ver bells, sil - ver



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bells! What a world of mer-ri - ment their mel-o- - ds! How they tin- kle,

bells! What a world of mer-ri - ment mel-o - dy fore- How they tin- kle,

bells! What a world of mer-ri - ment fore-tells!

bells! What a world mer-ri - ment the mel-o - dy fore-tells!

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tin- kle, the i - cy air of night!

le, the i - cy air of night!

How they tin- kle in the i - cy air of night!

How they tin- kle in the i - cy air of night!

