I SAW THREE SHIPS COME SAILING IN

Words Traditional circa 17th Century

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> > **SATB**



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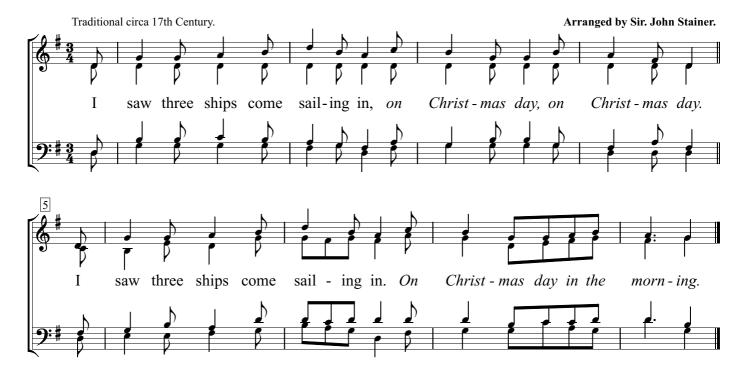
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I saw three ships come sailing in.



- 2. And what was in those ships all three?
- 3. Our Saviour, Christ and his lady.
- 4. Pray whither sailed those ships all three?
- 5. O they sailed into Bethlehem.
- 6. And all the bells on earth shall ring.
- 7. And all the angels in heaven shall sing.
- 8. And all the souls on earth shall sing.
- 9. Then let us all rejoice amain.

This carol is derived from "As I sat on a sunny bank" but the above words are as they appeared in Sandy's of 1833. There is another version that incorporates the Passion. "As I sat by my old cottage door" which was in the Cecil Sharp collection.