

WHY DO BELLS FOR CHRISTMAS RING?

for 2-part voices and piano
with optional SoundTrax*

Including Words from Traditional Carols
and a poem by **EUGENE FIELD** (1850-1895)

Music by
GREG GILPIN

With an Eastern European lilt (♩ = ca. 120)

PIANO

mf *decresc.*

4 PART I
mp

Why do bells for Christ - mas ring?

PART II

mp

Why do lit - tle

mp

* Also available for 3-part mixed (48302).

SoundTrax available (48304). Visit alfred.com for digital scores and audio.

NOTE: The first two lines of text are attributed to Eugene Field, an American writer best-known for his children's poetry and humorous essays. Mr. Field is often referred to as the "poet of childhood."

PERFORMANCE SUGGESTION: Miniature tambourines may be played by a small group, a soloist, or the entire choir. Strike on beats 2 and 4 during each refrain, or throughout if desired. Tie festive ribbons to the tambourines to add a bit of holiday color.

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All a - round the world to - night
 chil - dren sing? All a - round the world to - night

10 *mf*
 chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!
mf
 chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

12 *mp*
 Why do bells for Christ - mas ring?
mp
 Why do lit - tle

15

All a - round the world to - night
 chil - dren sing? All a - round the world to - night

18

mf chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!
mf chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

20

Jin - gle bells, jin - gle all the way!
 Jin - gle bells, jin - gle all the way!

22

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse o - pen sleigh!

Oh, what fun _____ in a one-horse o - pen sleigh!

24

Jin - gle bells, jin - gle all the way

Jin - gle bells, jin - gle all the way

26

in a one - horse sleigh! _____

in a one - horse sleigh! _____

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mp

Why do bells for Christ - mas ring?

mp

Why do lit - tle

mp

31

All a - round the world to - night

chil - dren sing?

All a - round the world to - night

34

mf

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

mf

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

mf

36

mp

Why do bells for Christ - mas ring?

mp

Why do lit - tle

mp

39

All a - round the world to - night

chil - dren sing?

All a - round the world to - night

42

mf

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

mf

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

mf

44

Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly.

Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly.

46

mp 'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly.

mp 'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly.

48

mf Fol low me in mer - ry meas - ure

mf Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure

50

while I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure! _____

while I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure! _____

52 *mp*

Why do bells for Christ - mas ring?

Why do lit - tle

mp

53

All a - round the world to - night

chil - dren sing? All a - round the world to - night

58 *mf*

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

mf

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

mf

60 *f* *mf*

Why do bells for Christ - mas ring? Deck the hall with

mf

Jin - gle bells, jin - gle bells. Why do lit - tle

f

63 *f*

boughs of hol - ly. All a - round the world to - night

chil - dren sing? All a - round the world to - night

66

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

chil - dren sing with voic - es bright!

68

mp Chil - dren sing with voic - es bright! *cresc.* Hear them ring on

mp Chil - dren sing with voic - es bright! *cresc.* Hear them ring on

71

f Christ - mas night!

f Christ - mas night!