

WORLD OF MERRIMENT

Duration: c. 4minutes

*Commissioned by The Portsmouth Grammar School. First performed by
The Portsmouth Grammar School Chamber Choir conducted by Sam Gladstone,
in St Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, on 11 December 2015.*

TEXT

Hear the bells!
What a world of merriment their melody foretells!
How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
 In the icy air of night!
While the stars that oversprinkle
All the heavens, seem to twinkle
 With a crystalline delight;
 Keeping time, in a sort of Runic rhyme,
To the tintinnabulation that so musically wells
 From the bells,
From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.

Edgar Allan Poe (1809–1849)

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Text by Edgar Allan Poe
(1809–1849)

Alexander Campkin

With a crystalline delight ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 60$)

mp *fp* *f* *mp*

S. Hear the bells, hear

A. Hear the bells, hear

T. Hear the bells, hear

B. Hear the bells, hear

Kbd. *mp* *fp* *f* *mp*

rit. *ff* **Meno mosso** ($\text{♩} = \text{c. } 72$)

7 *ff* *mf*

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