



Bells across the sea

Walter E. Macfarren
(1828-1905)

Walter Cecil Macfarren (1826–1905) was in London, the younger brother of one of the leading Victorian composers, George Alexander Macfarren. He was a chorister at Westminster Abbey and sang at Queen Victoria's coronation. He had thoughts of becoming an artist, taking lessons in painting, but entered the Royal Academy of Music, studying the pianoforte and composition. He became a sub-professor of the pianoforte and was on the staff of the Royal Academy fifty-seven years. Macfarren was musical critic for the 'Queen' newspaper from 1862 until his death. He was chiefly concerned with teaching the piano and had some distinction as a conductor. He suffered from weak eyesight, but did not become totally blind, as did his brother. He composed many small pianoforte pieces and choral works, including two church services and many part-songs. He wrote no large-scale choral or dramatic works and wrote only a limited amount of orchestral music.

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Frederic Edward Weatherly (1848-1929)

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W. C. Macfarren

Andante poco allegretto ♩ = 80

S A T B

A - cross the sea, a - cross the sea, Whose mel - low

O bells, O bells,

A - cross the sea, a - cross the sea, Whose mel - low

O bells, O bells,

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S A T B

mu - sic faints and swells, A - long the wind there comes to

Ring on, O bells, A - long the wind there comes to

mu - sic faints and swells, A - long the wind there comes to

Ring on, O bells, A - long the wind there comes to

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S me The sound of dis - tant vil - lage bells A - cross the

A me The sound of dis - tant bells A - cross the

T me The sound of dis - tant vil - lage bells A - cross the

B me The sound of bells A - cross the

dim. *p* *dim.* *p* *dim.* *p* *dim.* *p*

9

S sea, a - cross the sea, Whose mel - low mu - sic faints and

A sea, O bells, a - cross the sea, O bells, Whose mel - low mu - sic faints and

T sea, O bells, a - cross the sea, O bells, Whose mel - low mu - sic faints and

B sea, a - cross the sea, Whose mel - low mu - sic faints and

12

S swells, A - long the wind there comes to me The sound of

A swells, A - long the wind there comes to me The sound of

T swells, A - long the wind there comes to me The sound of

B swells, A - long the wind there comes to me The sound of

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S *dim.* dis - tant vil - lage bells, *f* Peal - ing from some

A *dim.* dis - tant vil - lage bells, *f* Peal - ing from some

T *dim.* dis - tant vil - lage bells, *f* Peal - ing from some

B *dim.* dis - tant vil - lage bells, *f* Peal - ing from some

18

S *dim.* dim church - yard grey, *dim.* And vo - cal with its peace are

A *dim.* dim church - yard grey, *dim.* And vo - cal with its peace are

T *dim.* dim church - yard grey, *dim.* And vo - cal with its peace are

B *dim.* dim church - yard grey, *dim.* And vo - cal with its peace are

21

S *p* they, *p* And vo - cal with its peace are they. Ring, ring on, O

A *p* they, *p* And vo - cal with its peace are they.

T *p* they, *p* And vo - cal with its peace are they. Ring, ring on, O

B *p* they, *p* And vo - cal with its peace are they.

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S bells, Ring, ring on, O bells,

A Ring on, ring on, O bells, Ring on, a - cross the

T bells, Ring, ring on, O bells,

B Ring on, ring on, O bells, Ring on, a - cross the

27

S *cresc.* Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Ring on, ring on, O *dim.*

A sea, Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Sweet sounds ye *dim.*

T *cresc.* Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Ring on, Sweet sounds ye *dim.*

B sea, Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Sweet

30

S bells, Sweet sounds ye are to me; *p* Ring on, O bells, Ring on, O

A are, ye are to me; *p* Ring, ring, O bells, Ring, ring,

T are, ye are to me; *p* Ring on, O bells, Ring on, O

B sounds ye are, ye are to me; *p* Ring, ring, O bells, Ring, ring,

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S bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

A O bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

T bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

B O bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

rit. cresc. f pp rit.

a tempo

S A - cross the years, a - cross the years, I hear the

A O bells, O bells,

T A - cross the years, a - cross the years, I hear the

B O bells, O bells,

p

38

S bells of days long slain, Of flow'r - times free from tren and

A I hear the bells Of flow'r - times free from tren and

T bells of days long slain, Of flow'r - times free from tren and

B I hear the bells Of flow'r - times free from tren and

cresc.

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S tears, Of loves that will not wake a - gain, A - cross the

A tears, Of loves that will not wake A - cross the

T tears, Of loves that will not wake a - gain, A - cross the

B tears, A - cross the years, a - cross the

dim. *p* *dim.* *p* *dim.* *p* *dim.* *p*

44

S years, A - cross the years, I hear the bells of days long

A years, O bells, A - cross the years, O bells, I hear the bells of days long

T years, O bells, A - cross the years, O bells, I hear the bells of days long

B years, a - cross the years, I hear the bells of days long

47

S slain, Of flow'r - times free from tren and tears, Of love that

A slain, Of flow'r - times free from tren and tears, Of love that

T slain, Of flow'r - times free from tren and tears, Of love that

B slain, Of flow'r - times free from tren and tears, Of love that

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S will not wake a - gain, There comes a

A will not wake a - gain, There comes a

T will not wake a - gain, There comes a

B will not wake a - gain, There comes a

dim. *f*

53

S glimpse of far off times An ech - o of long si - lent

A glimpse of far off times An ech - o of long si - lent

T glimpse of far off times An ech - o of long si - lent

B glimpse of far off times An ech - o of long si - lent

dim.

56

S rhymes, An ech - o of long si - lent rhymes. Ring, ring on, O

A rhymes, An ech - o of long si - lent rhymes.

T rhymes, An ech - o of long si - lent rhymes. Ring, ring on, O

B rhymes, An ech - o of long si - lent rhymes.

p

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S bells, Ring, ring on, O bells,

A Ring on, ring on, O bells, Ring on a - cross the

T bells, Ring, ring on, O bells,

B Ring on, ring on, O bells, Ring on a - cross the

62

S *cresc.* Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Ring on, ring on, O *dim.*

A years, Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Re - call - ing *dim.*

T *cresc.* Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Re - call - ing *dim.*

B years, Ring on, ring on, O bells, *f* Re - *dim.*

63

S bells, Re - call - ing joys and tears; *p* Ring on, O bells, Ring on, O

A joys, re - call - ing tears; *p* Ring, ring, O bells, Ring, ring,

T joys, re - call - ing tears; *p* Ring on, O bells, Ring on, O

B call - ing joys and tears; *p* Ring, ring, O bells, Ring, ring,

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rit. cresc. f pp rit.

S bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

rit. cresc. f pp rit.

A O bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

rit. cresc. f pp rit.

T bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

rit. cresc. f pp rit.

B O bells, Ring on, O bells, a - cross the sea.

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