



Handbell Music Reviews September 2016

The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Arr. Waldrop
35 octaves
Level 3

This piece was originally written in the 1930's but made popular in the 1950's. The addition of mallet clicks and a few jungle sounds make the piece totally fun. In addition, Waldrop has added a "Handbell Surround Sound" part – additional ringers can surround the audience and ring an 8 bar passage (memorized of course!) while the melody and accompaniment are happening in the performing choir.

Come Thou Fount

Arr. Stewart
345 octaves opt Choirchimes®
Level 3+

This is a traditional hymn tune that Stewart has done a fabulous job of arranging for handbells. The addition of malleted accompaniment, the middle section of the piece on Choirchimes® really makes the wonderful contrast in the piece. This tune has a variety of lyrics that can be used so it will work with any season of the church.

Jesus Is Born

Arr. Ingram
345 octaves opt Choirchimes®
Level 2

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This contemporary music is a great addition in the Christmas repertoire. It is hard to find some new Christmas music – something that the director, ringers and listener will appreciate. To help ringers feel the music, the lyrics are included in the score. This is an easy to learn piece that will fill in any gaps at Christmas for you.

Christ the Babe is Lord of All

Arr. Krug

3456 octave with optional C Instrument

Level 2+

Based on two tunes, Infant Holy and Away in a manger (Cradle Song), this piece plays itself! Add the flute and you won't need a director!

Gabriel's Oboe

Arr. McChesney

345 octaves

Level 3

This music, originally from the movie "The Mission" (not Mission Impossible) – Google to find out more! I was intrigued by the title of the piece, then I read the movie synopsis and then listened to the piece. Beautiful meditative flowing melody – a few tricky rhythms but full of passion and love!

Here Comes the Sun (yes by the Beatles!)

Arr. Turner

456 octave opt Choirchimes®

Level 4

This pop tune will make you want to dance or at the very least, tap your toes! Lots of syncopation which makes it a level 4 – add a few of 3/8 or 2/4 or 5/8 measures amongst the 4/4 that makes it for sure a level 4. If you are looking for something contemporary with a bit of a challenge, this will work for your group! Please note it is for 456 octaves, not 3.

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Music Box Dancer

Arr. Eithun

345 octave

Level 3

Originally heard with Frank Mills on the piano, this really does sound like a music box on handbells! Very manageable for any choir – NO bell changes – guess that’s how music boxes work 😊.

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