

THE BELLS OF PARADISE

Derbyshire trad. arr. Michael Neaum

Gently, and with gradually increasing intensity $\text{♩} = 52$

The musical score is written in 6/8 time and consists of three systems. The first system (measures 1-5) features a SOLO part in the treble clef and a Piano accompaniment in the grand staff. The SOLO part begins with a *mp* dynamic. The lyrics are: "1. Down in yon for-est there stands a hall, The bells of Pa-ra-dise". The second system (measures 6-9) continues the SOLO and Piano parts. The lyrics are: "I heard them ring: It's co-vered all o-ver with four-pl and pall, And I love my lord Je-sus a-". The third system (measures 10-13) features a SOLO part and a CHOIR part. The lyrics are: "-bove a - thing. 2. In that hall there stands a bed, The bells of Pa-ra-dise". The piano accompaniment is marked *mp* [Bell-like]. A large "SAMPLE COPY" watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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14 SOLO CHOIR

I heard them ring: It's co-vered all o - ver with scar-let so red, And I love my lord Je - sus a -

(8)

18 SOLO CHOIR

-bove a - ny - thing. 3. At the bed-side there lies one, The bells of Pa - ra - dise

(8) loco

22 SOLO CHOIR

relax tempo

I heard the ring: Which the sweet Vir - gin Ma - ry knelt up - on, And I love my Lord Je - sus a -

4

26

a tempo

ALL ALTOS

FULL

-bove a - ny - thing. 4. Un - der that bed there runs a flood, The

mf

29

ALL SOPRS

bells of Pa - ra - dise I heard them ring: The one half runs wa - ter, the

32

relax

FULL

mp

er runs blood, And I love my lord Je - sus a - bove a - ny - thing.

sub. mp

35 **a tempo**

ALL SOPRS

ALL ALTOS

Ah

Which

5. At the bed's foot... there grows... a thorn, The bells... of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring

39

relax tempo

e - ver grows blos-som since Christ was born,
(blows)

Ah

fervently

And I love my Lord Je-sus a - bove a-ny-thing.

(CHOIR IN 3 EQUAL PARTS)

43

(CHOIR IN 3 EQUAL PARTS)

rall.

6. O - yes that bed... the moon... shines bright, The bells... of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring, De-

Ah

Ah!

I heard them ring De-

Ah

Ah!

I heard them ring De-

Nearly a tempo
and gradually relaxing

molto rall.

47

-not-ing our Sa-viour was born this night, I

-not-ing our Sa-viour was born this night, I love my lord a -

-not-ing our Sa-viour was born this night, And I love my lord Je - sus

p *legatissimo*

51

love my lord Je - sus bove a - ny - thing.

bove a - ny - thing, a - ny - thing.

a - ny - thing, a - ny - thing.

dim.