

# I Saw Three Ships

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 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
 I saw three ships come sailing in,  
 On Christmas day in the morn-ing.
2. And what was in those ships all three?  
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 On Christmas day in the morn-ing.
3. Our Saviour Christ and his la-dy  
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
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 On Christmas day in the morn-ing.
4. Pray whither sailed those ships all three?  
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
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 On Christmas day in the morn-ing.
5. Oh, they sailed into Bethlehem,  
 On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
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 On Christmas day in the morn-ing.

6. And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
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On Christmas day in the morn-ing.

7. And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,  
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,  
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8. And all the souls on earth shall sing,  
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