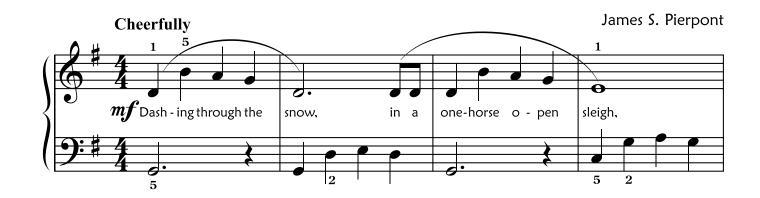
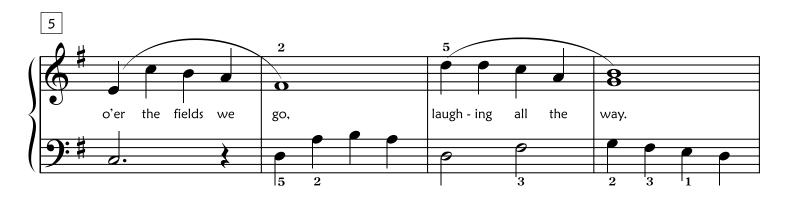
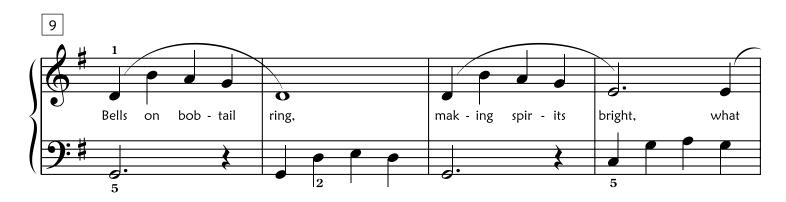
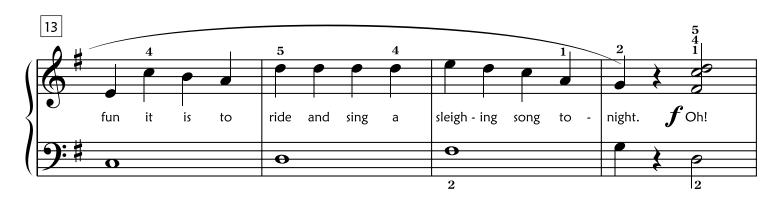


Although Jingle Bells was written while James S. Pierpont lived in Boston, he eventually moved to Savannah, Georgia. While living in Savannah, he served as music director at a Unitarian church where his brother was the pastor. Today, there is a commemorative plaque in honor of Jingle Bells near the church.







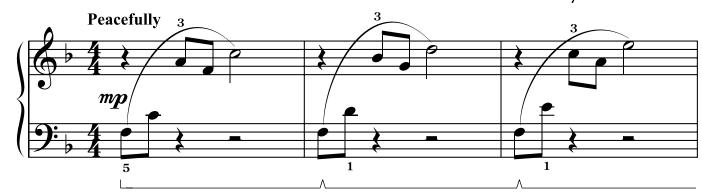


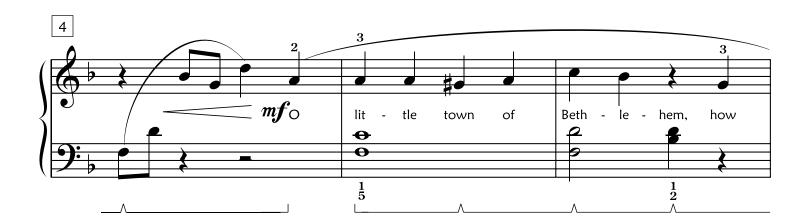


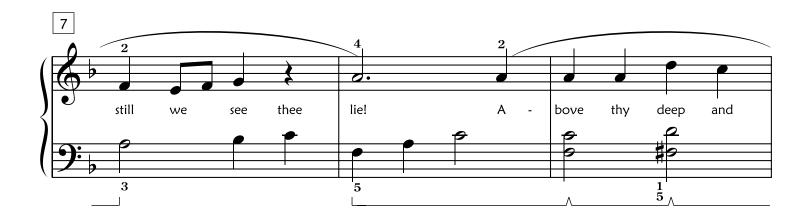
O Little Town of Bethlehem

The words for **O Little Town of Bethlehem** were written by Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal priest from Philadelphia. Inspired to write the words by a visit to Bethlehem, he asked Lewis Redner, an organist, to compose music for them. Redner claims that he was suddenly awakened by the song of angels. He wrote the melody in the middle of the night and filled in the harmony the next morning. The words and music were quickly printed on leaflets and sung by Sunday school children and their teachers at the Christmas service.

Words by Phillips Brooks Music by Lewis H. Redner



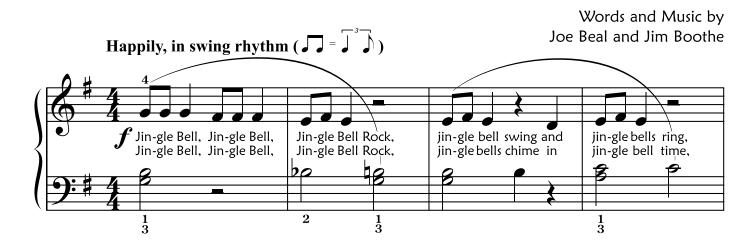


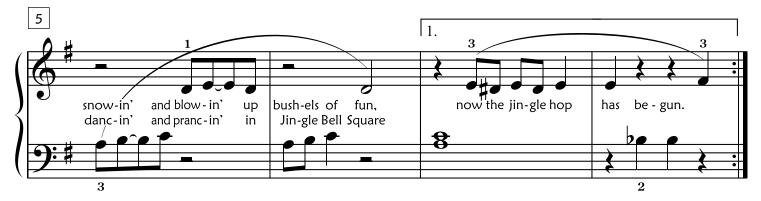


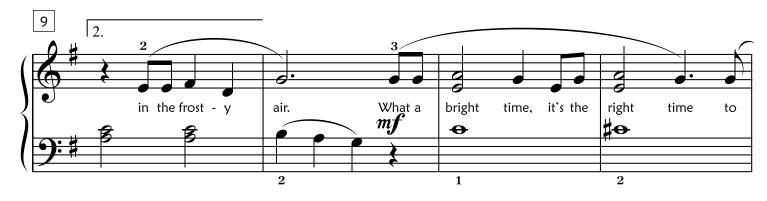


as a recording in 1957, almost 100 years later than the song Jingle Bells, upon which it was based. It was one of the first Christmas songs to use rock music, but many today feel that it has a "country" flavor. The original recording was sung by Bobby Helms, but it has been recorded by numerous artists since that time.

Jingle Bell Rock









I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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The words for I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day were written by the famous American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The poem was originally titled "Christmas Bells" and was published in 1867. Almost ten years later, the English organist Jean-Baptiste Calkin set Longfellow's poem to music. The carol immediately became popular in both Europe and the United States.

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