

The Bells of Paradise

Traditional
Melody and text taken from Mr J Hall of Castleton,
Derbyshire, in 1909 by Ralph Vaughan Williams
(derived from the Corpus Christi carol, xvi cent):
arranged by Philip Thicknes

♩ = 56

SOPRANO *mf*
Down in yon for-est there stands a hall: The bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: And it's

ALTO *mf*
The bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring:

TENOR *p*
The bells, I heard them ring:

BASS *p*
The bells, I heard them ring:

5
S. cov-er'd all ov-er with purp-le and pall: And I love my Lord Jes-us a-bove an- y-thing. 2. In_ that hall_ there

A. And I love my Lord Jes-us a-bove an- y-thing.

T. A-bove an - y - thing.

B. A-bove an - y - thing.

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S. stands a bed: The bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: And it's cov-er'd all ov-er with scar-let so red: And I

A. The bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: And I

T. The bells, I heard them ring: A-

B. The bells, I heard them ring: A-

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S. love my Lord Jes- us a - bove an - y-thing. *p* The bells_ of Pa - ra -dise

A. love my Lord Jes- us a - bove an - y-thing. *p* The bells, I

T. *mf* bove an - y - thing. 3. In_ that bed_ there lies a knight: The bells_ of Pa - ra -dise

B. *mf* bove an - y - thing. 3. In_ that bed_ there lies a knight: The bells, I *p*

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S. I heard them ring: And I love my Lord Jes- us a -bove an - y-thing.

A. heard them ring: A - bove an - y - thing.

T. *mf* I heard them ring: Whose wounds are bleed -ing day_ and night: And I love my Lord Jes- us a - bove an - y-thing.

B. *mf* heard them ring: Whose wounds are bleed -ing day_ and night: A - bove an - y - thing. *p*

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S. *p* The bells_ of Pa - ra -dise I heard them ring:

A. *p* The bells, I heard them ring:

T. *mf* 4. By_ that bed_ there lies a stone: The bells_ of Pa - ra -dise I heard them ring: Which the sweet Virg - in Ma - ry

B. *mf* 4. By_ that bed_ there lies a stone: The bells, I heard them ring: Which the sweet Virg - in Ma - ry *p* *mf*

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S. *mf* And I love my Lord Jes-us a-bove an - y-thing. 5. Und - er that bed_ there runs a flood: The

A. *mf* A - bove an - y - thing. 5. Und - er that bed_ there runs a flood: The *p*

T. *p* knelt_ up - on: And I love my Lord Jes-us a - bove an - y-thing. The

B. *p* knelt_ up - on: A - bove an - y - thing. The *p*

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S. bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: The one half runs wat-er, the oth-er runs blood: And I love my Lord Jes-us a -

A. bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: The one half runs wat-er, the oth-er runs blood: And I love my Lord Jes-us a -

T. *p* bells, I heard them ring: The one half runs wat-er, the oth-er runs blood: A - bove an -

B. *p* bells, I heard them ring: The one half runs wat-er, the oth-er runs blood: A - bove an -

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S. *mf* bove an - y-thing. 6. At the foot of the bed there grows a thorn: The bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: Which

A. *mf* bove an - y-thing. 6. At the foot of the bed there grows a thorn: The bells_ of Pa-ra-dise I heard them ring: Which *mf*

T. *mf* y - thing. 6. There grows a thorn: The bells, I heard them ring: Which

B. *mf* y - thing. 6. There grows a thorn: The bells, I heard them ring: Which

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S. ev - er blows blos - som since he was born: And I love my Lord Jes - us a - bove an - y - thing. 7. Ov - er that bed the

A. ev - er blows blos - som since he was born: And I love my Lord Jes - us a - bove an - y - thing. 7. Ov - er that bed the

T. 8 ev - er blows blos - som since he was born: A - bove an - y - thing. 7. Ov - er that bed the

B. ev - er blows blos - som since he was born: A - bove an - y - thing. 7. Ov - er that bed the

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S. moon shines bright: The bells of Pa - ra - dise I heard them ring: De -

A. moon shines bright: The bells of Pa - ra - dise I heard them ring: De -

T. 8 moon shines bright: The bells of Pa - ra - dise I heard them ring: De -

B. moon shines bright: The bells of Pa - ra - dise I heard them ring: De -

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S. not - ing our Sav - iour was born on that night: And I love my Lord Jes - us a - bove an - y - thing.

A. not - ing our Sav - iour was born on that night: And I love my Lord Jes - us a - bove an - y - thing.

T. 8 not - ing our Sav - iour was born on that night: And I love my Lord Jes - us a - bove an - y - thing.

B. not - ing our Sav - iour was born on that night: And I love my Lord Jes - us a - bove an - y - thing.